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**CINEMA
MYSTERY**

OVER the weekend, and continuing (they hope) the Hongkong first run cinemas played four big productions. In saying "big productions" we do not necessarily mean they are achievements in the artistic or film festival winning sense, but all four films have proved crowd pleasers, and have scored heavily at the box-office. Only one cinema group has had to fall back on a re-issue. Now in the ordinary course of events, this would scarcely be worth a comment, but under the prevailing circumstances in the film industry, it calls for a great deal of discussion.

A dearth

IN the first place, as first reported in the columns of the China Mail some weeks ago, there is a serious shortage of films and a veritable dearth of really good films. For weeks now, every cinema in turn has had to cast about to see how to feed its projectors with films that would entertain Hongkong's rather hard to please picture fans. As a result, Japanese films, and very good ones at that, have had an exclusive showing at two cinemas, one of which has practically gone over entirely to showing Japanese films. Italian spectacular films, in which the indefatigable Mr. Reeves has become as closely associated with classical legends as Homer, have helped out the box-office.

Insufficient

THIS might all be to the good, but the point is, this situation has arisen because the American and British studios are not turning out films in sufficient quantity to satisfy the Hongkong public. So there has been a famine, quite a serious one, and now this weekend, all the good films came along together. We cannot think this is a wise policy. By putting out all the box-office winners together, the cinema merely succeed in cutting each other's throats. Even in the more lavish domestic budgets, only a certain amount can be spent upon entertainment in any one month. So if one, or two, cinemas are favoured, then the remaining ones are neglected.

Remain unseen

AS a consequence, good films which had been shown at a time when the competitive cinema groups were quiet would have earned much more, remain unseen, and what is more, unpatronized. Why the exhibitors follow this policy is hard to understand. They are neither fair to themselves, nor to the public. Some very good films which could have been kept in cold storage, and brought out this very weekend when one of the biggest hits of the year is being played by a rival cinema group. It is not our business to tell our exhibitors how to run their own cinemas, but we are not above giving a piece of good advice.

More severe than La Coubre blast: many injured EXPLOSION ROCKS HAVANA

Munitions dump blows up in Cuban capital

Havana, June 27.

A shattering explosion which authorities said was from a munitions dump shook the Cuban capital last night. Authorities immediately sealed off the explosion site. Cars loaded with apparently injured people still streamed from the area an hour after the blast.

Two ships sunk by typhoon Olive

Manila, June 27.

Two vessels sank last night as typhoon Olive continued to move along the eastern coast of the Philippines largest island of Luzon with maximum centre winds of 80 miles per hour.

Nineteen people were reported missing and believed drowned when a motor boat sank off the eastern Luzon coast, and the ss Lagos Huron, a ship

LATEST HK REPORT

Typhoon Olive is now moving slowly west north-west. Dr I. E. M. Watts, Director of the Royal Observatory said this morning.

A rough estimate would place Typhoon Olive somewhere about 500 miles southeast of Hongkong.

There were showers during Sunday and this morning.

The rainfall from midnight to 10 a.m. today was .04 of an inch and the rainfall total since January 1 was 36.59 inches compared with the average of 35.80 inches.

At 8 a.m. today the Colony's water storage stood at 8,697 million gallons compared with the full capacity of 10,500 million gallons.

The present storage position represented a gain of 88 million gallons over the position at 8 a.m. on Saturday when 8,609 million gallons were recorded. Although this made the Colony's reservoirs 80 per cent full only Jubilee Reservoir was overflowing this morning.

believed to be of Panamanian registry, sank off Bacolod, Albay, also in Luzon waters.

Sixteen of the missing are crew members of the motor boat and three are from the Lagos Huron.

Early reports received from the Red Cross last night said 10,000 persons were left homeless in one Luzon province alone.

Forecast to cut across central Luzon yesterday, typhoon Olive changed course, and is now moving along the east coast to the north, parallel to the island.

—UPI.

Windsor, June 26. Two people were killed and many taken to hospital tonight when two motor-coaches carrying 70 passengers, collided at the foot of the Rocky Kirkstone pass in Lakeland.

The fatalities occurred in one of the vehicles, which plunged 20 feet down a ravine.

Windows were shattered over a large area of Havana and many persons were cut by flying glass.

The blast appeared to be more severe than that which shattered the French munitions ship La Coubre and a part of the Havana port area last March 4 killing about 100 people.

One person was reported dead and fifty persons listed as injured in the first reports from police last night. Of these 21 were at a first aid station at Regla, a small town at the end of Havana Bay.

Prime Minister Fidel Castro, President Osvaldo Dorticos, and numerous officials of the government went immediately to the scene.

Sealed off

Officials at the Presidential palace said the explosion originated in a powder magazine in the Cayo Cruz region of East Havana.

Military authorities sealed off a section of Havana harbour near the major oil refineries—Esso, Standard and Shell—with the warning that additional explosions were possible.

The blast was felt throughout Havana. Thousands of persons streamed toward the explosion area by car and on foot.

They were herded back by military guards and hurriedly summoned units of the people's militia.

The explosion sent a huge column of dense black smoke into the evening sky.

Chaos

It attracted thousands upon thousands of Havana residents and the city area was soon in chaos as crowds attempted to reach the Cayo Cruz region.

The scene of the explosion is a sparsely settled area of Havana in which a number of government installations are located. It is a little more than a mile from where the La Coubre blew up.

The blast interrupted electric power in some sections of the capital but first reports said there was no damage to the two large oil refineries and storage facilities.

A number of warehouses in the area were damaged by the force of the explosion. Radio programmes were interrupted to send out calls for doctors, nurses and drugs.

Display windows were smashed in many city stores and restaurants.—AP.

London, June 26.

Forty-three-year-old Mrs Ivy Lloyd, mother of seven children aged up to 20, has brought the total up to ten by giving birth to triplets.

She and the babies—two girls and a boy—born yesterday in Kingston hospital near here, were reported today to be doing well.—Reuter.

Marseilles, June 26.

Four people were buried in debris when a building collapsed in Marseilles this evening. Firemen started digging in the ruins and found a woman aged about 50 who was only slightly injured.

They said that one other woman, a man and a child were known to be in the wreckage.—Reuter.

Tony takes over the wheel



Driving back to London (for a quick look at their not-quite-ready new home in Kensington, Palace) from Windsor recently, Princess Margaret's husband, Tony Armstrong-Jones takes the wheel of their Rolls Royce—a wedding gift from the motor industry. Princess Margaret, looking more casually elegant than ever, joined him in the front seat. And relegated to the back was the chauffeur.—Express photo.

SHOT WIFE'S FORMER SUITOR

Chicago, June 26.

A husband today shot and killed one of his wife's former suitors when the victim drove up and called out a friendly greeting from his car, police said.

The husband, Paul Rutherford, 34, then fled with his 16-month-old daughter, Kim, leaving his wife to tell police how Rutherford fired at the victim point-blank from his own car as she watched.

The dead man was Morris Spurlin 27, who had dated Rutherford's wife, Jean, a year ago when she and her husband were separated, Mrs Rutherford told police.

Police sought Rutherford, a Chicago asphalt engineer.

Mrs Rutherford told police that she and her husband returned home early today and were parking their car in front of their apartment building when Spurlin drove up and said, "Hello, Paul, Hello, Jean."

Rutherford pulled a pistol from his glove compartment and fired three times at Spurlin, Mrs Rutherford said.—UPI.

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Drink meters for pubs

Carlisle, June 26. Fourteen public houses owned by the Government are installing drink meters to tell car drivers when they've had enough.

The meters test reaction speeds. The driver drops a coin in the meter, then tries to stop the coin by pressing a button.

If he can stop it in less than 12 of a second he gets the coin back. If not he loses the coin and gets warning that his reactions have slowed up.

China willing to live in peace with world

London, June 27.

Peking newspapers today carried an authoritative article declaring China's willingness to co-exist peacefully with anyone "even imperialism," and restating her policy of friendship with the Soviet Union.

The article was written by Madame Soong Ching Ling, vice-chairman of the Republic and widow of the late Dr Sun Yat Sen, founder of the pre-Communist republic, the New China news agency reported.

It did not refer directly to recent reports of Soviet-Chinese differences on whether a Communist-capitalist war was inevitable, but dismissed as "simply a lie" the efforts of the "trained seals" of the imperialist press to depict China as unwilling to coexist peacefully.

Willing

"China is willing to coexist peacefully with anyone, even imperialism. In fact, we have to coexist with it. Imperialism exists as an objective reality. Socialist states also exist as objective realities....

"But while we want to coexist peacefully with imperialism this does not mean that we will be submissive to it. We will not allow U.S. imperialism to rob us of our own territory....

"History and experience tell us that as long as imperialism has a breath in it, it will breathe. That with the thought of exploiting others, of using force and violence to accomplish its end of dominating others....

"This means that if coexistence with imperialism is to be peaceful, such will come about only because the peoples maintain a high degree of vigilance against the machinations of the imperialists, maintain a high degree of military and struggle, and demonstratively show them that we will not allow them to run amok....

Friendship

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Soviet Union and the other members of the Socialist camp. Our friendship is eternal. It is our policy today; it will always be our policy," she said.

'Dictatorial tactics' allegation

Singapore, June 26.

The suspended minister for national development, Ong Eng Guan, today accused the Premier Lee Kuan Yew of adopting "dictatorial tactics" in making major government policy decisions.

Speaking at a press conference, Ong also accused the "ruling clique" of preaching democracy without practicing it. He was suspended from the government and party last weekend for "disrupting unity" within the ruling People's Action Party.

During the past week, both Ong and official party leaders have been engaged in a duel of words, but events now seemed to be warming up for a showdown between the opposing party factions.—AFP.

Big theft of watches and cash

A total of a quarter million dollars worth of watches and cash were found stolen from the vault of Roue D'or Watch Co., 55 Queen's Road Central, shortly after 8 a.m. on Friday, it was revealed today.

The loss was estimated at \$220,000, including 522 well-known Swiss watches and \$3,000 in cash.

Meanwhile a man who has been on the staff of the company for more than ten years, has been missing since Friday.

Assistants reopening the shop in the morning discovered the theft.

Police are investigating.

Frenchman jailed on drug charge

Pierre Louis Vergnole, a French dentist, this morning pleaded guilty at Kowloon District Court to two charges of possession and importation of heroin and morphine and was sentenced to four years jail by Judge A. A. Huggins.

A resident of Bangkok, Vergnole was arrested at Kai Tak airport on arrival on May 18 when he was found in possession of 23 lbs 15.75 ounces of heroin and 13.5 ounces of morphine. Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel prosecuting, said yesterday in terms of money, the drug was worth a total of between \$40,000 to \$50,000 in the Colony.

SERIOUS

The quantities found on Vergnole could be made into quarter of a million 50-cent packets that were normally sold to the addicts in the Colony.

Imposing the sentence, Judge Huggins said: "You stand convicted of what we in Hongkong regard as two very serious offences and that is something I cannot forget."

Judge Huggins added that he was unable to accept the plea that anybody who had lived in the Far East failed to appreciate that this was a crime, or could not fail to be aware of the terrible havoc caused by the drugs.

Mr Rea told the Court of the arrest of the French dentist, on arrival. He said that Vergnole was asked by Revenue Inspector J. E. Cook at Kai Tak whether he had any morphine, dutiable commodities or arms to declare. Vergnole replied in the negative.

Then Vergnole placed his suitcase on the table and it was searched and nothing was found. Vergnole was cleared by the Customs and he took up his suitcase to leave.

As Vergnole was leaving, Inspector Cook noticed that Vergnole was carrying a briefcase in his hand, and it was covered by a raincoat placed across his hand.

'PAPERS'

Inspector Cook asked the visitor what was the contents of the briefcase and Vergnole replied "papers." He repeated this word when asked for the second time. Inspector Cook insisted on searching the case.

It was heavy and it contained eight blocks of white substances, Vergnole gave an answer which Inspector Cook interpreted meaning "medicines."

Vergnole was then taken to the Customs office and was asked if he had any more blocks of substances.

He then handed over his overcoat and Mr Rea asked the Court this morning to note the "great depth of his pockets."

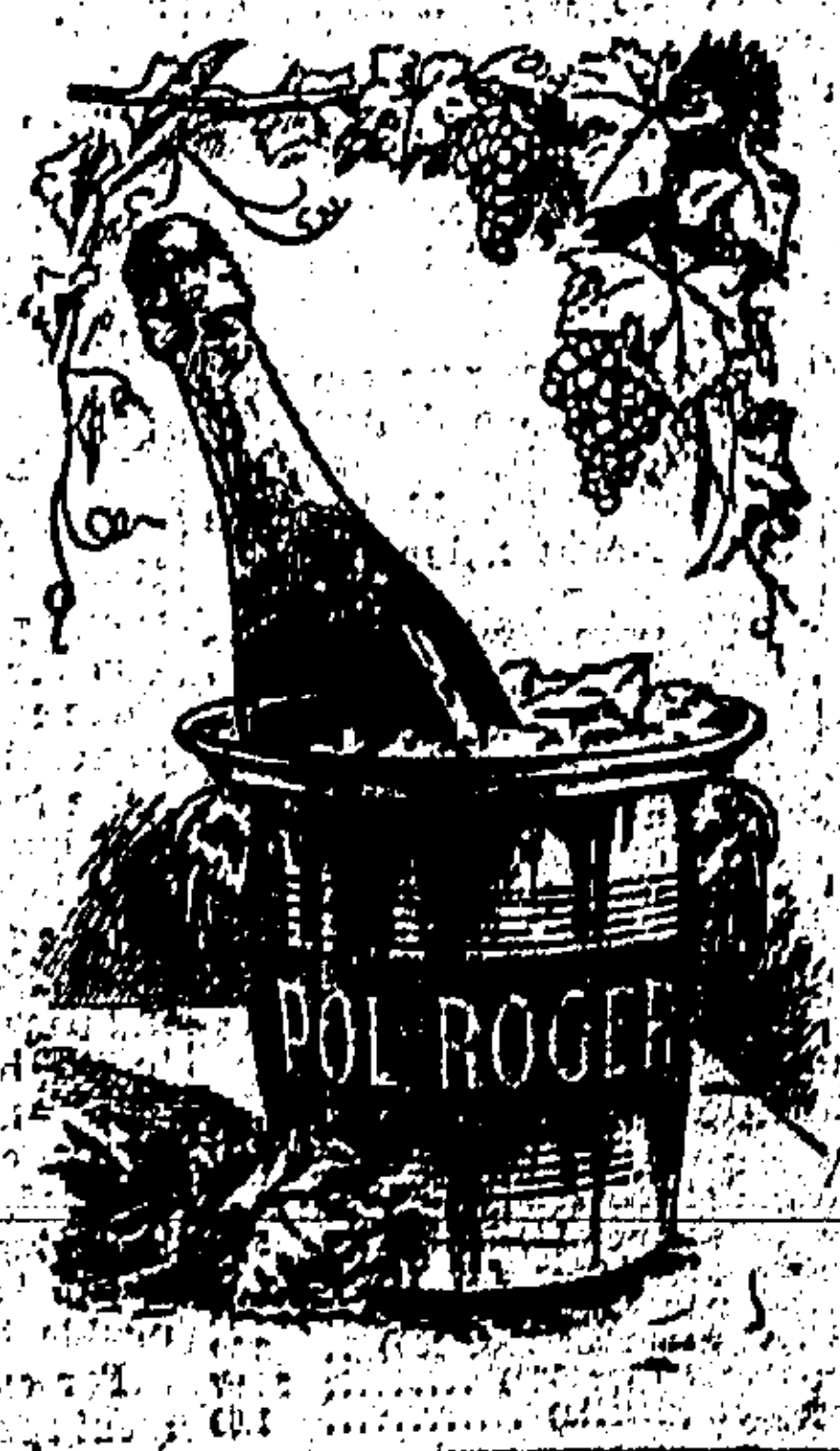
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Weekly survey of American economy

OUTPUT SLACKENS IN PACE

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,842,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1195	1220	30 @ 1205
Union Ins.	95		
Wharf Co.	248		
Waterboat	28		
Wheelock	7.10	7.15	2000 @ 7.15

HK Dock	113	115	100 @ 115
Provident	21.30	21.00	500 @ 21.30
HK Hotel	41 1/2	42	300 @ 41 1/2
HK Land	58	58 1/2	500 @ 58 1/2

				1200	@	58 1/2
				553	@	58
				500	@	58 1/2
				500	@	58
				200	@	58
				100	@	58 1/2
				100	@	58 1/2
	Rts.	32		67	@	33
Yuanall	...	182	183	200	@	182
				300	@	182
HK Tram	...	31 1/2	32 1/2	2500	@	22 1/2
Ch. Light	...	22.40	22 1/2	200	@	22.00

HK Tel.	38 1/2	39	300 @ 38 1/2
Dairy Farm	28 1/2	29	250 @ 28 1/2
Watson	20 1/2	21 1/2	500 @ 20 1/2
Allied Inv.	6.05		
Textile	10.90	11	1000 @ 10.90

Nanyang	17.10	17.40	200 @ 17.10
Amal Rubber	7.30		
Rubber Trust	8.10	8.40	1000 @ 8.10
Tatoo Dock	50 1/2	51 1/2	200 @ 50 1/2

Really	1.85	1.875	500 @ 1.85
Lanc. Craw.	42 1/2		
Int'l Inv.	8.65	8.70	200 @ 8.65
Asia Nav.	1000		
G. I. Cement	54 1/2	55	300 @ 54 1/2

HK Gas	14.70	14.80	200 @ 14.70
HK & FE			
Invest. Rts.	3.05		
Gilman	2.05	2.10	200 @ 2.05
Humphreys	24.50		
Star Ferry	100	102	100 @ 100
Ropes	19 1/2		
Nippon Elec.	12.90		
Entertain.	24.40		

Dividend announced

The Directors of China Underwriters Ltd., at the forthcoming annual general meeting will recommend a dividend of 60 cents per ordinary share in respect of the year 1959. This is the same amount as that distributed for the year 1958.

More Australian coal to Japan

Sydney, June 26. New South Wales coal exports to Japan should be trebled by 1965, the New South Wales Minister for Mines, Mr. J. B. Simpson told reporters on his return by plane from Japan today.

Mr. Simpson said: "Steel industry expansion plans in Japan should greatly benefit coal production in New South Wales."

"If our mine owners can produce coals economically and shipping facilities improve, these benefits should be of a most permanent nature."

Mr. Simpson said that one million tons of coal worth about £4,000,000 would be exported to Japan this year.

China Mail Special.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.72
Sterling (per £1)	15.58
Australian dollar (per £1)	12.82
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	0.30
Siam baht (per 100)	25.97
Singapore (dollar)	1.80

Summer slump appears to be approaching

New York, June 26.

There was a slight slackening of pace in the U.S. economy this week as steel continued to be depressed, car output slipped somewhat and even retail sales lost some of the earlier impetus.

The economic summer slump is just around the corner. As for steel, mills have just about written off any improvement in July and pegged all their hopes on early new model orders from the automobile industry in August.

Schedules for steel production this week suggest output will show little change from the 62.3 per cent of operating capacity set for last week. Steelmen generally expect July operations to be at a lower level than those in June, due to further liquidation of steel inventories and vacation slowdowns at consumer plants.

Prediction

The prediction for July is an operating rate below 60 per cent. Some even think it may bottom out near 50 per cent of capacity. Iron Age magazine reported July is "written off" by the steel industry. An upturn in steel buying by the car industry for 1961 models is expected to lift production again in August.

Orders for new model production are already beginning to appear, giving some idea of early Detroit schedules. Some new models may start leaving assembly lines in late August. Last week's car output registered a drop of 1.2 per cent from the previous week with 137,817 passenger car units. Compacts again had a sizable 28.8 per cent share of that total. In the previous week the output was 139,557 passenger units. However, last week's output was still 6.5 per cent above the 128,270 units produced in the corresponding week a year ago.

The U.S. built car market recorded its three-millionth new car registration in mid-June, raising hopes once again that the predicted total of new car registrations in the United States this year might still possibly reach seven million. Many observers agreed, however, that 6.5 million would be more like it, as very few realistic analysts expect current high sales of automobiles to continue throughout the year.

Retail sales

One of the things that bother economists in this country is a very recent slackening of pace in consumer goods retail sales. It has been evident all year long in certain lines like appliances. For example, factory shipments of refrigerators were down five per cent from a year ago in the first five months of 1960, while automatic washer shipments dropped some seven per cent.

Now other lines of consumer goods are beginning to complain, notably furniture which came to the fore at the current Chicago summer home furnishings market. Two out of three merchants queried reported a recent drop of sales although the overall level is still slightly ahead of a year ago.

The question asked is whether this retail sales downturn is typical of a broader general cut-back by consumers. If it is, the optimistic predictions of a "golden 1960" would indeed be rusty.

In steel, this situation has already led to a decline in capital spending plans. It marred an otherwise bright outlook for plant and equipment spending by the metal working industry as a whole.

Capital investment

Iron Age magazine reported that the industry as a whole currently plans to spend \$1,200 million for capital goods in the three months ahead. This is ten per cent less than the amount set aside for the same purpose in the last quarter of 1959, and 25 per cent below the same period a year ago. The drop-off is almost entirely due to the slackening pace of capital appropriations in the basic steel industry. In this group alone a 58 per cent cut in capital spending is being effected. The drop is so severe that increases in other sectors of the metal-working industry are unable to offset it. For example, capital investment spending plans in fabricated

metals are up 10 per cent, non-electrical machinery up three per cent, electrical machinery up 41 per cent, transportation equipment up 17 per cent and instruments up six.

The steel depressant has had other curious influences. Railroads in the Eastern half of the U.S., where most of the iron ore, coal and other commodities of the steel industry are carried by rail—have had to defer plans for raising freight rates in order to offset higher wages until at least after next month. If they raised rates now, they fear the loss of even further business. Pennsylvania Railroad, for example, reported it earned last month only one-third of what it earned in May last year and its profits for the first five months of this year are down 69 per cent from a year ago.

Coal production, also affected by the steel slump, was 8,730,000 tons in the week ended June 11, as against 9,124,000 tons in the same week a year ago. But total output so far this year still stands above year-ago levels—194,545,000 tons as against 193,698,000 tons.

Curtailements

Republic Steel joined other steel companies this week in announcing plans for production curtailments. It said it was considering a shutdown of its Warren, Ohio, Steel plant next week, that would extend through the July 4 holiday weekend. The plant, employing about 6,000 men, is Republic's fourth largest.

Machine tools and mining equipment orders are slipping instead of improving. These are two sectors in the huge machinery-making industry that are particularly exposed to the steel depression. But even in other sectors, manufacturers are beginning to wonder when the government—predicted record spending for new machinery is going to materialize. Manufacturers say that while inquiries are numerous, orders are hard to get and in a competitive market the prices quoted leave much to be desired from the seller's viewpoint.

One thing, apart from the low rate of steel operations, which may be exerting its depressing influence here, is the fact that profit margins of many corporations have gone down in the first half of this year, leaving less ready capital for purchases of new equipment. The smaller profit trend has been developing for some time, but this year it has been most pronounced so far, in view of rising costs of production and labour.—UPI.

British car output up

London, June 26. Cars produced in May totalled 136,544 compared with 120,690 in the previous month, the Board of Trade announced today.

A total of 36,403 goods vehicles and 1,502 buses and coaches were also produced. Exports totalled 70,273 cars compared with 63,321 in the previous month; 12,721 goods vehicles and 12,430 and 639 buses and coaches compared with 491 in April.—China Mail Special.

Bank of England statement

London, June 26. The Bank of England statement for the week ending June 22 reads as follows: Notes in circulation £2,213,122,047. Public deposits £2,292,068,000. Private deposits £2,292,068,000. Government securities £2,292,068,000. Other securities £2,292,068,000. Receipts £2,292,068,000. Payments £2,292,068,000.—UPI.

COTTON MARKET REVIEW

New York, June 26.

Cotton futures plodded through another week of extremely slow and uneventful dealings. With an estimated volume of only 20,000 bales for the five sessions, the list at Friday's close ruled 5 higher to 13 points lower, or up 2 cents to down 65 cents a bale from the preceding week.

Apart from evening-up in nearby July, and the other old crop deliveries, anticipating first notice day on Friday—the market was devoid of a trading feature.

Open contracts remaining in July at the weekend approximated 41,200 bales. The certificated stock totalled 5,405 bales.

New crop deliveries were neglected as traders took an increasingly dim view on the prospect for new cotton legislation before Congress adjourns in July for the national political conventions.

GOOD CROP

The crop picture continued mixed, but mostly favourable. The Government's weekly summary said development ranged from excellent in the western portions to mostly satisfactory elsewhere. Insects were becoming seasonably more prevalent, but damage continued light.

A Memphis spot firm, in a statistical analysis of the raw cotton situation estimated the total supply for the 1959-1960 season at 23,631,835 bales against 20,373,476 bales last year. Estimated total disappearance for the season was placed at 15,900,000 bales. If this figure is reached, the carry over next Aug. 1 would approximate 7,730,000 bales versus 8,881,000 bales carried over into the present season.

The Department of Agriculture announced an agreement with Spain to buy 64,000,000 of surplus farm products, including \$27,700,000 worth of cotton or 150,000 bales. Raw cotton exports for the season through June 21, according to the New York Cotton Exchange, totalled 6,305,885 vs 2,609,798 bales, the same time last season.—UPI.

New York stocks gain in week of active trading

New York, June 26.

Stocks gained irregularly during the past week in the second largest weekly trading of 1960.

All the leading groups had their off days and some of the recent favourites such as the vending issues, electronics and boat stocks suffered from time to time on realizing selling.

Old line leaders enjoyed a somewhat better market, aided more by hopes for the future than performance of their industries for the week.

For example, steel firms on a statement by the president of Jones & Laughlin that steel inventories would reach a minimum level by August and news that Republic has received enough orders to forestall closing its Warren, Ohio, plant on Independence Day.

Steel operations sank to a new 1960 low at 61 per cent of rated capacity and further declines are expected as industrial vacations spread.

OILS UP

Oils were helped by improvement in their inventory situation.

Selling in the boats reflected an article in Barron's, a financial weekly, that boat orders so far this year have fallen off. Copper had days of firmness on better prices for the metal. Drugs enjoyed demand from time to time.

Individual news items helped their stocks. American shipbuilding gained on a 4-for-1 split. Great Western Financial rose on a 100 per cent stock dividend. American Distilling made a new high on a 3-1 split. Oil elevator rose on news it will make automatic converters for Bow-Mor Corp. At the

Credit squeeze unsettles London market

London, June 26.

Thursday's credit squeeze move lifting the Bank Rate to six per cent and requiring the clearing banks to "freeze" two per cent of their assets with the Bank of England caused stocks to end shakily in an unsettled week.

Friday produced some cheap buying of leading industrials with the big operators said to be in the market but second rank counters stayed weak. The market still has to face a real test when investors make up their mind on what the true outlook is.

The dual nature of the Chancellor's decisions came as a shock. The City was expecting one form of curb but not two. Opinion now is divided on whether further braking will be required later in the year, with some saying the Government has apparently denied itself room for manoeuvre when more restraint might be necessary in the autumn.

Over the week the Financial Times' industrial index dropped 9.4 points to 368.3 against the year's low of 285.8 after Friday's buying had moved it up two points.

GILT-EDGED DOWN

Gilt-edged took a beating from the squeeze with short-dated stocks the main sufferers although there was no selling by the banks. War Loans 8 1/2 per cent dipped to an all-time low in its 28-year history but finally held steady at 60 sterling.

In foreign bonds Japanese ended with losses over the week despite some recovery, but Greeks looked firmer. Dollar stocks were mainly better.

Gold shares made a bid to leave their low levels, but the movement failed to develop through lack of solid support. London followed the Cape in small mid-week buying but there was no follow-through and the drift was resumed.

Interest in new British jet airliner

London, June 26.

The technical director of Air India, Mr. A. C. Gazdar, said at London airport today that his airline was "very interested" in the VC-10 airliner. The jet was recently ordered by Boac.

He said "We have been most impressed by the Rolls Royce Conway engines which power our new Boeing 707 and we should be very happy to use the development of these engines in any future equipment we may obtain. We are considering now replacement aircraft for our Super Constellation fleet and of course we must always plan for future requirements," he added.

STUDYING

"We need aircraft with good performance both on eastern sectors and on our new transatlantic routes," Mr. Gazdar said. "We are studying carefully American aircraft as well as other British types."

"We shall probably send a team to the United Kingdom to evaluate the VC-10 before the end of the year. We are particularly concerned with delivery dates," Mr. Gazdar said. The VC-10 seemed to suit Air India's route pattern. He was on his way home after attending a conference in Switzerland.—AFP.

London money market

London, June 26.

Money was kept on a very tight rein in the London money market for most of the week and the market was forced twice into the Bank of England.

The authorities could have kept the market out of the Bank but it was evident that a signal was being hoisted for the bank rate rise on Thursday.

This was not unexpected, but the fact that the banks have got to make a further one percent deposit to the Bank of England was a little disconcerting, especially as it will affect their bond positions in view of further expected selling of gilts by the banks.

However, it was generally hoped that the latest credit squeeze measures would prevent the need for any autumn moves. The high rate of 4 1/2 per cent for non-regular money under the old percent bank rate was adjusted upward to 5 1/4 per cent Thursday while the new bank rate for clearing bank money is 4 1/4 per cent.—China Mail Special.

New type British reactor will be used next year

London, June 26.

THE prototype of what may be the next generation of nuclear power stations is now taking shape and is expected to be working next year.

Known as an advanced gas cooled reactor, it is being built at Windscale on the Cumberland coast, a short distance from Calder Hall, the world's first commercial scale atom power station.

Calder Hall, which came into operation in 1956, was the forerunner of nuclear power stations now being constructed throughout Britain.

The advanced gas cooled reactor is a major step in reactor development and should keep Britain in the lead in this field. With a gross electrical output of 33 megawatts, it is likely to be a model for other civil stations from 1965 onwards.

FEATURES

The principal features of the advanced gas cooled reactor are the use of ceramic compounds instead of water as a moderator and the replacement of magnesium alloy cans containing fuel by beryllium or stainless steel cans.

Temperatures of up to 650 degrees Centigrade can now be achieved. This means that six times the power can be produced in a reactor the same size as Calder Hall. This means in turn that the costs of producing electricity will be further reduced.

The advanced gas cooled reactor can be regarded as being midway between power stations at present under construction and the high temperature gas cooled reactor which is now the subject of intensive research in Britain.

The latter, it is hoped, will raise temperatures of fuel elements to beyond 1,000 degrees Centigrade. It already forms the basis of the Dragon project in which the experimental reactor is to be built in Britain as part of the joint five-year research programme in collaboration with the European Atomic Energy Organisation, known as Euratom, and Austria, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.—LPS.

'Do it yourself' electronics outfit

London, June 26.

THE teaching of electronics has been simplified in Britain by the production of the first "do it yourself" electronics constructional outfit.

This enables pupils to assemble for themselves a large number of experiments and demonstrations illustrating many of the fundamental principles of electronics.

The outfit is the result of co-operation between an electronics company, Griffin-Clarke-Smith Manufacturing Company, and a firm with over a century's experience in educational scientific requirements, Griffin & George Ltd.

EASY WORK

Griffin-Clarke-Smith "Mechanics" apparatus makes little demand on the manual and technical skill of the user since soldered joints are eliminated and assemblies are screwed or clipped together on a pegboard layout.

The equipment can be used for both qualitative and quantitative work by individual pupils or groups. The qualitative experiments do not require mains supply but use 4.5-volt and 120-volt batteries.

The complete set, type 97-100, contains valves, transistors, a transformer, a loudspeaker, a circuit board, a neon tube, holders, switches, plugs, metal connectors, wires, resistors, capacitors and other standard components.—LPS.

Measuring radioactivity

London, June 24.

A NEW radiation monitor for detecting and measuring extremely weak radioactivity in the human body has been developed by a British firm of instrument engineers, Nuclear Enterprise (G.B.) Ltd., of Sighthill, Edinburgh.

The firm describes the monitor as an invaluable device for nuclear energy establishments where it is now considered essential that personnel working in "hot" areas should be monitored at regular intervals for possible contamination.

The study of human absorption of "fall out" activity from nuclear explosions is also possible with this monitor. Yet another use of it is in the field of medical research where radio isotopes are used to diagnose various reactions in the human body.

FIRST ASSEMBLY

With this monitor, the makers say, tracer research at very much lower levels of activity is made possible.

The first assembly ever made commercially was shown to the Duke of Edinburgh before it went into use at the Atomic Energy Authority's establishment at Windscale.

Since then further contracts have been signed to provide monitors for the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare at Ottawa, for a reactor establishment in Germany and for the Royal Hospital at Adelaide in Australia.

This last assembly will be on display at the first medical electronics exhibition in London next month.

Requirements of the individual customer vary considerably and monitors can be modified as required.

The makers offer a consulting service on human body monitoring, and claim extensive experience in the design and production of such equipment.—LPS.

New anti-biotic introduced

PARKE, Davis and Company have announced the introduction of a new oral anti-biotic which is highly effective for the treatment of amoebic and bacterial infections of the intestinal tract.

It is called Humatin and will shortly be available throughout the world, according to Mr. W. Richard Jeeves, vice president and director of the firm's overseas operations.

Humatin was first prepared by using a culture isolated from a soil sample collected from a root of Guinea Grass grown in Colombia, South America.

In tests carried out by Parke Davis, the new drug was found to cure more than 95 per cent of all cases adequately treated within five days.

Moreover Dr. K. O. Courtney, Parke-Davis clinical investigator, has found that the treatment of acute enteric infections with Humatin has been generally free from side effects.

Recently he reported "an explosive outbreak" of gastroenteritis in a U.S. hospital involving 100 patients. They were initially treated with sulfa and antibiotics but failed to respond and the outbreak spread. Of the 100 treated with Humatin, however, 152 responded satisfactorily.

Ormsby-Gore denies Geneva talks breaking down

London, June 26.

Mr David Ormsby-Gore, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said at London airport tonight that suggestions that the disarmament talks have been breaking down were "unfounded."

The minister was flying back to Geneva for the ten-power conference.

"There has been delay," he said, "because the Soviet Union has put new proposals which have needed most careful study. This kind of study takes a certain amount of time, particularly when discussions have to take place between five different governments."

"I don't think Russia will have to wait much longer before they get a substantive reply from the west, which will be important and constructive."

U.S. PROPOSALS

Two hours before Mr Ormsby-Gore was due to fly to Geneva he had a talk with Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary.

New proposals by the United States were, it is understood, discussed.

They were brought to London on Saturday by Mr Frederick Eaton, leader of the American delegation, who had been in Washington for a week's consultations.—Ruter.

Mrs Nicklin dies

Brisbane, June 26. Mrs Georgina Nicklin 64, wife of the premier of Queensland, Mr George Nicklin, died early today, she had been ill for some time. Mr and Mrs Nicklin have no children.—China Mail Special.

Big search for mystery sheep killer

sheep
killer

Sydney, June 26.

A large party of heavily-armed graziers set out at dawn today to search rugged country around Emmaville, 460 miles north-west of Sydney, for the mystery killer of their sheep.

Eighteen sheep have been killed on a property 10 miles from Emmaville in the last five weeks, but the killer has not yet been sighted and has left no visible tracks.

Two years ago a mystery animal, named by residents the "Emmaville panther", killed a number of sheep in the district. Although some people claimed to have seen it, the animal was never caught.

TWO ANIMALS

Constable J. L. Barnden, of Emmaville, said today that probably two animals were killing the sheep. "Last week a sheep was killed on Friday and another on Saturday and each would average 45 pounds weight dressed. That's a lot of food even for something that seems as ferocious as this thing,"—China Mail Special.

Miracle declared

Lourdes, June 26.

An Italian woman's recovery from paralysis following a pilgrimage to the shrine of Lourdes has been declared a miracle by Cardinal Giovanni Montini, Archbishop of Milan.

A notice in the official Roman Catholic bulletin Le Journal De La Grotte De Lourdes said the Lourdes medical office had been informed of the Cardinal's decision that Signorina Madeleine Carlini, 43, of Milan, was miraculously cured of a paralysis affecting her since the age of ten, when she made a pilgrimage to the Lourdes shrine in August 1948.

The notice said Miss Carlini was examined by Lourdes doctors in August 1949 and again in September 1950. They said that her "sudden and perfect cure escaped nature's laws,"—China Mail Special.

Dr Moore on her last leg

Washington, Penn., June 26. Dr Barbara Moore, on the last leg of her cross-country trek, hiked out of this western Pennsylvania college town today, footsore and leg-weary.

The 56-year-old vegetarian, her hopes of reaching New York city by Monday shattered by the hilly west Virginia and Pennsylvania terrain, looked forward to the "luxury of a big, easy chair."

Pennsylvania state police said Dr Moore was becoming their number one headache. They have received hundreds of telephone calls from persons asking her whereabouts so they can catch a glimpse of the sun-burned hiker.



Out of the Queen's Chapel, Marlborough House, walk stockbroker Miles Huntington Whiteley and his bride, the former Countess Victoria Casell Rudenhausen — and for the first time since before 1914, a German has been married in a Royal Chapel. Permission to use the chapel was given personally by the Queen, who is a cousin of the bride. The 25-year-old Countess is the daughter of a Luftwaffe officer killed on a bombing mission over Britain in 1940; she is a great-great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria, and a granddaughter of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, a general in Hitler's Stormtroopers.—Express Photo.

Badly injured British driver flown to London

London, June 26.

Jonathan Sieff, 25-year-old British racing driver and heir to the big chain store group Marks and Spencers, who was badly injured in the Le Mans trials, arrived at Gatwick airport near here today and was taken to Hammersmith hospital in London.

He was flown from Le Mans in a plane chartered by his father, Mr Michael Sieff. From Gatwick the driver was carried by helicopter to a cricket field adjoining the hospital where an ambulance was waiting.

Sir Reginald Watson-Jones, extra orthopaedic surgeon to the Queen, and two other specialists accompanied Sieff on the flight with his wife, Mrs Nicole Sieff.

Continuous blood transfusions were given during the journey.

Mrs Sieff said: "He is very seriously ill."

Sir Reginald reported that the injured driver had improved following special transfusion treatment.

"He is suffering from multiple fractures to the pelvis and the spine and internal injuries," he added. "There will have to be further operations."—China Mail Special.

U.S. READY TO DEAL WITH ANY CONFLICT

Washington, June 26. The Secretary of Defence, Mr Thomas S. Gates, said today "we are militarily ready and sound" to deal with either a small war or a major war.

"Our readiness is intact and sensible, and we can quickly deploy forces and augment forces if we need to do so," he said.

Then Mr Gates said America's defence was based on its mutual security programmes and he made an indirect plea for restoration of the \$200 million House of Representatives cut out of the military aid outlay.

HARRASSING

Mr Gates said he does not believe the Russians are going to "harras anything in the form of a major military crisis."

"They will continue to harras us," he said, "they will continue to step up their cold war activities, and perhaps, in some modest way, put pressure on us that might involve minor military actions."

Mr Gates said America's defence programme is planned on the basis that there would be "no substantive concessions" made to Soviet Premier Mr Nikita Khrushchev.—AP.

Postman's heroic bid to save child

Rome, June 26.

A postman jumped into a revolving cement and stone mixer here to save a six-year-old child.

The postman, Armo Carrara, was walking with his wife when he heard screams coming from a deserted building yard.

Carrara ran to the yard to see the child being tossed about by the blades of the mixer, which was turning with increasing speed.

The postman jumped into the machine stepped the motion for a few seconds with his weight and extracted the child who was taken to hospital with multiple cuts.—China Mail Special.

Flies cause traffic chaos in London

London, June 26.

Huge swarms of small flies near King's Cross railway station, London's gateway to North-east England, caused traffic chaos and sent few people to hospital.

The flies, grey and black, flew along three busy streets and caused serious accidents.

The driver of a motorcar was temporarily blinded by the mass of insects and hit a pedestrian, leaving another cyclist in hospital and a number of flies.

Both men were taken to hospital with unconsciousness. The flies were identified as houseflies.—China Mail Special.

Hussein's reply to Nasser's 'slander'

Amman, June 26.

King Hussein of Jordan today defended himself and his family, the Hashemite dynasty, in a strongly worded speech against the "slander and curses" of United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Jewels worth millions to be auctioned in London

London, June 26.

The largest and finest diamond ever to be put up for public auction will be sold at Christie's on July 5 in a sale of fabulous jewels which is expected to total nearly £375,000.

The diamond is unmounted and pear-shaped and weighs 49.03 carats. Christie's, the famous London auctioneers, announced today that the jewel belongs to a member of a foreign Royal family who wishes to remain anonymous.

The owner has also sent a 28.29 carat, step-cut unmounted diamond.

No salesroom in the world ever has been asked to sell a diamond of such weight and quality as the 49.03 carat stone, the auctioneers said.

The largest diamond Christie's have sold in recent years was the 23.7 carat step-cut diamond belonging to Mrs Michael Wilding, wife of the film actor, which sold last summer for £5,875 a world record price per carat for a single stone.

The sale will be the most important of its kind since the war. In addition to the Royal stones there will be some magnificent jewels belonging to the late Countess of Cadogan and the late Countess Baldwin, widow of Stanley Baldwin, Britain's Prime Minister in the 1930's.—UPI.

13 bodies recovered

Rio de Janeiro, June 26.

Salvage workers recovered from Guanabara bay today the bodies of two more of the 51 victims of Friday's Brazilian Conair plane crash.

This brought to only 13 the number of bodies dredged up from the site of the disaster. Only eight of the bodies have been so far identified, all of them were Brazilians.—UPI.

The King said that many dictators "stronger and more sincere" than President Nasser, had come to power in the world and reminded him that "they soon collapsed and their regimes collapsed with them."

On his return to Cairo yesterday from Yugoslavia, President Nasser attacked King Hussein as a "petty agent of imperialism" and said he would suffer "the same fate as Nuri El Said and King Abdallah" of Iraq.

King Abdullah was the Hashemite ruler of Iraq who was assassinated in the July 1958 revolution that brought the present Iraqi regime to power.

Speaking to the correspondent of the Amman radio, the King said he would have preferred to ignore President Nasser's "slandering campaigns" as he had in the past.

He left forced by the attack on his family to reply because "it is not manly and honest to tell unfounded stories about the dead."

"Words of slander and curses are the weapons of those who have no character and no other means to relieve their sick souls," the King said.

"As a Hashemite Arab and a responsible man, I do not fear anyone except God."

"Therefore, I give no weight to Gamal Abdul Nasser's threats and to his prophecy on my destiny."—AFP.

Assassination charge denied

Ciudad Trujillo, June 26.

President Hector B. Trujillo today ridiculed accusations from Venezuela that the Dominican Republic had engineered an assassination attempt against President Romulo Betancourt.

President Betancourt was slightly injured on Friday when a dynamite cache in a parked car exploded near the car in which he was riding during an army day parade in Caracas.

The Venezuelan President in a radio and TV broadcast on Saturday night charged that the attempt on his life was hatched in the Dominican Republic.—AP.

Took pictures at funeral of executed persons: fined

Pretoria, June 26.

A press photographer was fined £35 or three months' imprisonment here for taking photographs of the funeral of executed persons without written permission of the Director of Prisons.

The conviction was believed to be the first on this charge in South Africa. Thirteen Africans sentenced to death for murders in different parts of the country were executed on February 13 at Pretoria Central Prison. The funeral took place the same day at the ordinary cemetery of Volksfontein African township.

The photographer, Robert Goshall, aged 26, coloured and employed by an African weekly newspaper, pleaded guilty.

He told the magistrate's court he did not know it was illegal to take such pictures without permission, but said he hid his camera under his coat "because I understood the authorities would not like it."—China Mail Special.

Storms kill 4 in Texas

Houston, June 26.

Rains ranging up to more than 24 inches since Thursday night turned a 100-mile stretch of the Texas coastal flatlands into a sea of water today and struck crippling flood blows at Houston, Port Lavaca, Bay City and other towns in the area.

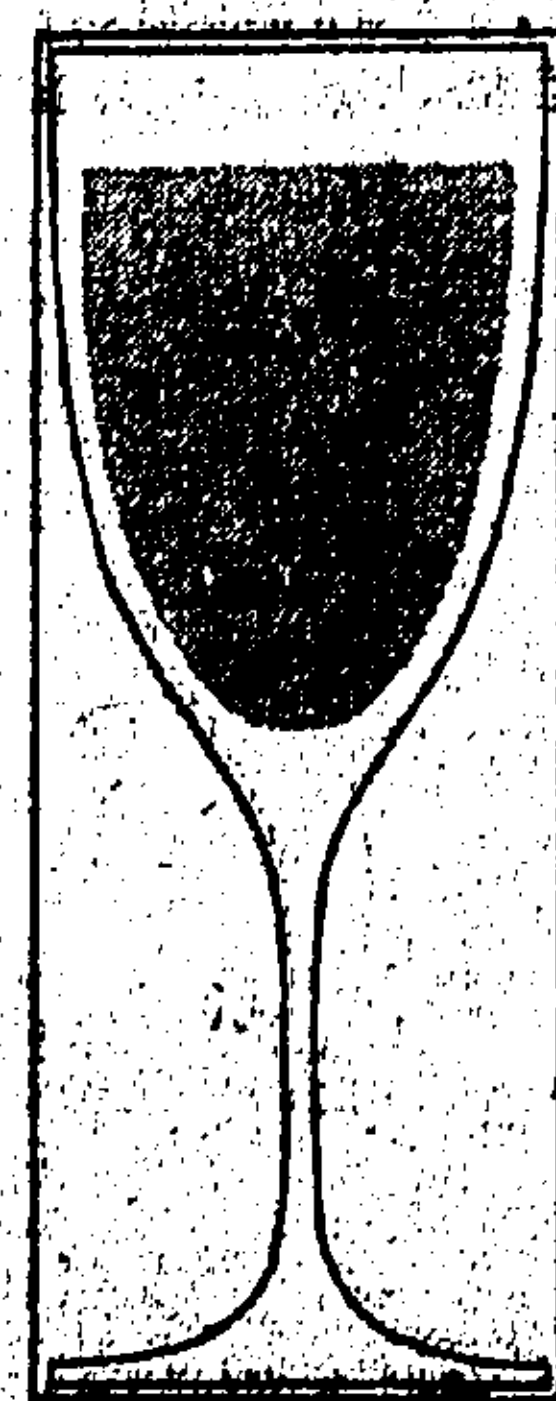
The persistent deluges forced evacuation of hundreds of persons whose homes were situated in areas of poor drainage. At least four people—and possibly six—died in Texas due to rainstorms and flooding during the weekend. A Houston fireman drowned today during rescue operations.—UPI.

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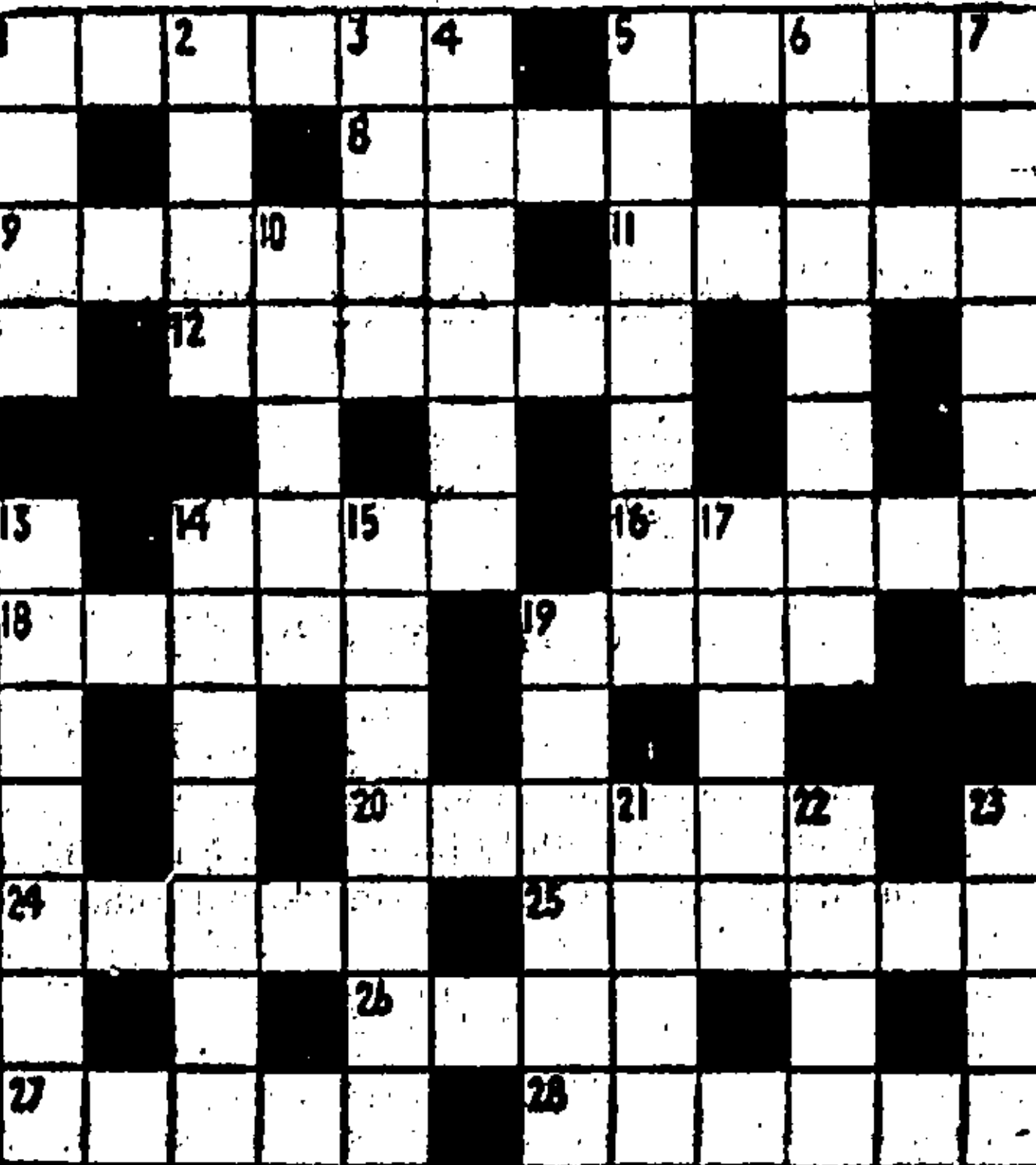
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ACROSS

- Devotee. (6)
- Clearly no helpless young creature. (8)
- Conceal the skin. (4)
- One of those things the victor might rest on. (6)
- Bella's tag. (5)
- How a gun-barrel is looked? (6)
- A creature to endure. (4)
- Wartime bloomers? (6)
- Leathene ostentation. (6)
- Catch sight of. (4)
- Love affairs we have after hours. (6)
- Hardly likely to start a movement. (5)
- Marine edibles. (6)
- No fish, though they sometimes get hooked. (4)
- SS beaches. (5)
- A pattern of shortened embroidery. (8)

DOWN

- Skilled sailor to the French. (4)
- Obstinate. (4)
- His creations should go down well. (4)
- Farmhand in a boat. (6)
- Workers on the spot? (7)
- Official residence. (6)
- Conjuring secret? (7)
- Vexed. (5)
- Liquids lacking body! (7)
- Bird that seems to have taken a dislike to another. (7)
- Makes effervescent. (7)
- Butterfly, for example. (5)
- Heads for Gretna! (8)
- Sky major. (4)
- Exchange—hands up! (4)
- Man, maybe. (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Lionel, 4. Embury, 7. Monday, 8. Gosh, 10. Skip, 12. Out-rage, 15. Delve, 16. Inns, 17. Ideal, 19. Adult, 20. No-rate, 21. Left, 23. Spare, 24. Porter, 25. Grip, 26. Metric. Down: 1. Lamb's kin, 2. Outsider, 3. (el) Even, 5. Man-dill, 6. Ezzelin, 9. Shoed, 11. Pear-drop, 12. Ovale, 13. Anti-sater, 14. Electric, 15. Dampier, 22. Do-ma.

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HIS PARADISE

The queerest damage Typhoon Mary left in her wake was a crocodile found in a fish pond near Fanling in the New Territories, according to an unconfirmed Chinese newspaper report.

The two-foot-long reptile pond hired ten men who closed feasted on the pond fish by day in on the reptile and caught it and preyed on ducks and chickens ashore by night. It was found to be a Siamese species. The villagers wanted to hunt it down but each time they approached the crocodile it swam to the middle of the pond. Attempts to check the report with a number of sources this morning failed to bring confirmation. Recently the owner of the fish

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MISCHIEF-MAKERS

At no time could Government have given the pools promoters any guarantee that the pools would be legalised. The most they could have done was to agree to put the proposals forward in order to test public opinion. They now have their answer, quite definitely and unmistakably, that Hongkong does not want an alien form of betting thrust down its throat.

In this day and age, you cannot ride rough-shod over the wishes of the community and its representatives. If Government had used its powers authoritatively to force this measure through in spite of the overwhelming opposition of the Chinese population, there would have been a much more serious reason for an enquiry in the House of Commons.

dear sir

Instead of allowing anonymous insinuations to appear in your pages, it would be fairer to ask the Asian Football Pools Ltd to state publicly whether they think they were given any guarantee, and to give full details of it. If they are unable to do so, then your correspondents are mischief-makers and their motives are suspect.
VICTORIAN.

dear sir

Why do so many critics write under pseudonyms?
N. T. CHOW."Just-for-fun" Frenchman
drug smoker
sent to
boys' centre

Two shoe-shine boys, aged 14 and 15, who pleaded guilty to possession of and smoking heroin, were ordered to be sent to the training centre by Mr D. Benson at Central Juvenile Court this morning.

They will stay in the centre for a period of between nine months and three years.

The boys committed the offences on a staircase in Lockhart Road, Wanchai, on June 16. They explained to the court at a previous hearing that they smoked heroin "just for fun."

49 PACKETS
OF HEROIN

A 34-year-old unemployed man, Wong Po-lam, who admitted possession of 49 small packets of heroin, was sentenced to 18 months' jail by Mr I. T. Morris at Central Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector A. G. Whitehead said that on June 24 a police party, acting on information, arrested defendant outside 124 Des Voeux Road Central and found the heroin on him. Defendant had two previous convictions, one similar.

APPEARS IN
COURT

ON STRETCHER

A 63-year-old rickshaw coolie, Wong Chun-shing of 50 Pilken Street, first floor, charged with murder of Chan Chun-chi on May 17 in Yaumati appeared on a stretcher at Kowloon Court this morning before Mr E. S. Haydon.

He was further remanded for seven days in jail custody. No plea was taken.

BEAUTY QUEEN

Miss Ma Mynt Mynt, Miss Universe contestant from Rangoon will arrive by Thai Airways International at about 10 p.m. today. After a day's stay in the Colony the Thai beauty will leave for Tokyo, and then to New York via the Pole.

World congress

Vatican City, June 26. Pope John XXIII said today that the World Ecumenical Congress probably would be held in 1962.—UPI.

ASKED FOR PRIEST

Subsequent to this, Mr Rea said, Vergnole asked to see a Roman Catholic priest and as requested, one was asked to come. Vergnole later complained of suffering from a heart disease and was taken to the hospital for examination.

In a statement which Vergnole made after he had been twice cautioned, he said that he had discovered an extract from papaya and had invested all his money in a plantation for the growth of the fruits. He needed money to pay his workmen and he told his financial predicament. This friend said him the blocks of drugs saying that he could sell them in Hongkong with good profit. He was told that Hongkong was a "free port." When later he was charged, Vergnole answered: "I did not know it was prohibited in Hongkong, a free port."

Vergnole was represented by Mr Gerald de Basto who was instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares of Messrs Brutton and Co. Mr Basto said in mitigation that Vergnole came from a poor family and was a self-made man. He gained his knowledge of dentistry while serving in the French army. Vergnole discovered the extract from papaya and was so sure of success that he felt anyone who would undertake the production of it would "come into millions."

HUMBLE START

Mr Basto told of Vergnole's humble start in life until he acquired some degree of luxury in life and happiness in marriage. His wife, he added, was now suffering from a disease which required long months in hospital in Bangkok and must not know of his present predicament because of her health. Testifying on behalf of Vergnole, Dr R. D. Scriven, a psychiatrist, who examined Vergnole for six hours following his arrest, said that Vergnole was suffering from hyper-mania because of his "discovery." This high tension made him unconcerned of moral responsibility.

Imposing the sentence, Judge Huggins said he would not impose the normal fine in addition to the sentence, having regard to Vergnole's family and the fact that Vergnole now suffered financial loss through the confiscation of the drugs which he had bought.

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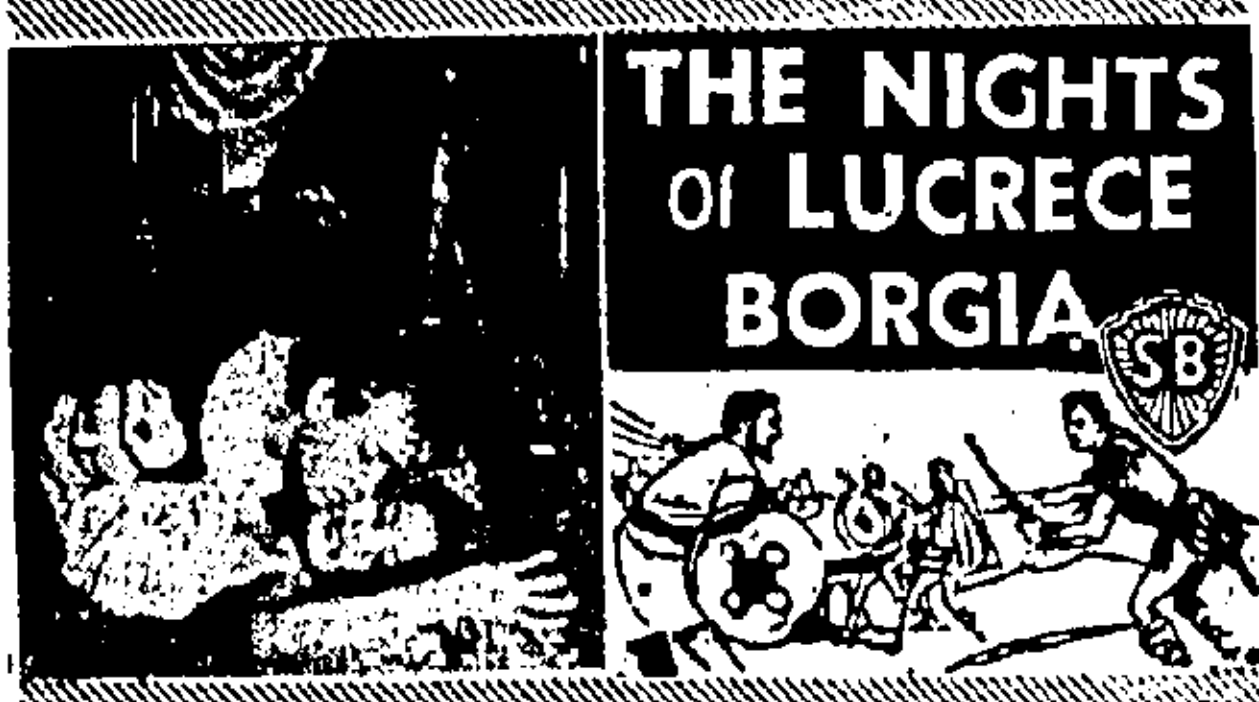


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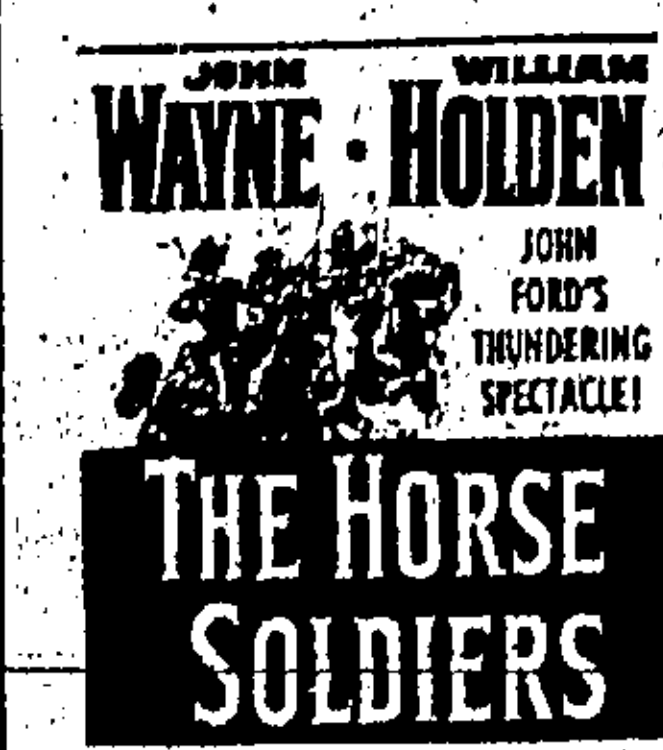
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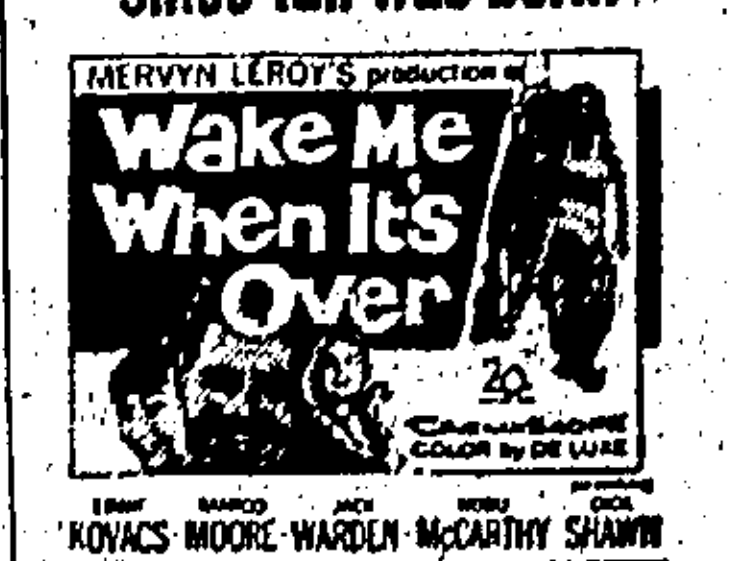
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MARILYN MONROE ON MIDDLE AGE

'I don't worry about losing my looks and getting all flabby and wrinkled. I'm not going to resist it'

by

LOGAN GOURLAY

Hollywood.

I DIDN'T raise the subject, though I might have got round to it eventually. It was Marilyn Monroe herself who focused her Wedgwood-blue eyes on infinity and said: "I'm 34 now and I don't care who knows it, probably because I myself don't mind being 34. I like it."

She said it quietly without over-vehementness, which would have indicated that she did care. She also said it in the characteristically breathless way of hers which always gives the impression that she has just run downstairs from the bedroom to meet you.

She gulped a little air-conditioned studio air before going on. She was in the mood apparently for stock-taking, the personal analysis of the woman who is beginning to approach the dreaded double-chinned forties.

GRACEFULLY

"Honestly, I like getting older. I don't worry about losing my looks and getting all flabby and wrinkled. I'm not going to resist it. I'm not going to have facelifts and all that stuff. I'm just going to grow old gracefully. That's a terrible cliché, isn't it?"

With or without the cliché, it was a remarkable statement from a sex symbol, a beautiful film image who has been copied, worshipped, and feted. I congratulated her as the only one I've met who has philosophically accepted the fact that nobody, including all the plastic surgeons, can make the image last.

She said: "Nuts. I'm just being sensible. Facing the facts. Anyway, I've never concentrated on being a sex symbol. What is a sex symbol, anyway? By the way, would you like a sherry?"

I answered the last question first.

ABOUT SEX

"Let's see, where was I? Yes, the sex stuff. Don't get this wrong. I'm not knocking it. That would be silly, it's a great subject. Sure, I used whatever I had in the way of sex appeal to make an impact. And I posed for that nude calendar 50 dollars—imagine, just 50 dollars—but I needed the money badly at the time. I've never been ashamed of that."

"Certainly I like to think now that I'm an attractive woman. Maybe a little plumper. But I think a woman should look like a woman—rounded in the right places. But I like a man to be lean—real lean and tall."

Mr Arthur Miller, the playwright who is never just Mr Monroe, came on to the set as if read, looking decidedly lean. She pecked him on the cheek affectionately and said: "Hiya, papa, have a sherry."

She started again without prompting.

"As I was saying, I knew I had sex appeal. I discovered that when I was quite young, maybe 14 or 15. But I always wanted to be an actress. When I was just nine or 10, living with foster parents, I used to shut myself in my little room—if I had a room—and act out scenes from the movies I'd seen."

A MISFIT

"No, I didn't have any conviction that I'd be a big star one day. I just wanted to be an actress and hoped. Kept on hoping."

"I've still a lot to learn about acting. That's what I look forward to. That's why I don't worry about growing old and losing my looks. I won't fight it. I'll be a character actress like Marie Dressler. Wasn't she just great?"

Pause for another sherry. Marilyn Monroe is unpredictable. She's an original. She cannot be categorised, but she has this in common with other actresses and women. She likes to talk.

"No, I don't feel resentful about being illegitimate. A lot of famous people have been. Maybe I once did. And I certainly hated being in an orphan's home after my mother died. I hated people talking about her mental illness. I suppose I was a misfit once."

"Funny, that's the title of my next film, 'The Misfits'. Different kind of misfits in Reno. I'm looking forward to that, with John Huston directing. I need good direction. We all do."

JUST FREUD

I didn't mention that I had been told Sir Laurence Olivier found it difficult to give any direction in the "Sleeping Prince." But I asked her about the reports that she is hopelessly unreliable, unpunctual, and Tony Curtis, after "Some Like It Hot," said "I'll never work with her again. She's hopeless and she tries to bitch up the other actors."

Her current film, "Let's Make Love," with Frankie Vaughan, has been held up for weeks because of her frequent absences from the set.

"Punctuality? I suppose I'm often late. Show me a woman who isn't."

"A lot of nonsense has been written by amateur psychiatrists about why I'm late. Am I being psycho-analysed now? If I were I wouldn't talk about it. That's private too. I was once, and it



helped a lot to get me adjusted to fame and all that. I don't know anything about Jung. Just Freud. He's the one I believe in. What's that book? "The Psychology of Everyday Life?"

"Sure, I still read a lot when I've got the time. Yes, I remember, we talked about Oscar Wilde last time we met. You've got a good memory. I've never really felt inadequate about lack of education and culture. That's more of the guff that's been written. And I didn't marry papa because he's an intellectual. I just love him for all kinds of reasons. He doesn't select books for me or anything like that."

"Anyway, I went to college and high school. Though that's not important. It's what you learn from life, as a man used to say whom I knew. Or should it be who I knew?"

She giggled a girlish, 34-year-old giggle. "My grammar's still no good."

It was difficult to detect whether she was being endearingly and genuinely naive or whether she was being calculatingly naive. Whether she was acting or not.

I suspect that Monroe the original often finds it difficult to detect herself.

—(London Express Service).

If you've ever wondered what it's like never to have worried about money—listen to the Young Tycoon

By TUDOR JENKINS

AS the Law Courts' clock chimes 10.0 o'clock, the young tycoon steps out of his car round the corner in Fetter Lane.

He is tall and slim and blond. From the clangour of rising skyscrapers, Jocelyn Stevens moves into cloistered calm. He looks round happily. This is his domain.

Modern

At 28, Jocelyn Stevens is chairman and editor-in-chief of The Queen, the glossy magazine which between the wars was carelessly left lying about in country houses and Mayfair homes as a symbol of status.

This is a new home for the old mag. Everything is light and bright and modern. In the ground floor waiting room the floor is covered with bottle green carpet, the chairs are Henry Moorish in design, but brighter in colour.

In the centre of a low, circular table stands a large green glass ashtray. When I was there the other day, no one had flicked into it.

In tune

Mr Stevens goes in the lift up to the fourth floor, then walks up the stairs to his office. He takes off his jacket to work. On the left breast of his shirt are his initials: J.S.

We talked in the Conference Room adjoining his office. The walls, unadorned, are egg-shell blue, the carpet mottled. Around

the long, walnut table are about a dozen chairs, all upholstered in a startling shade of bright blue.

Modernistic? Of course. But in tune with Jocelyn Stevens' mind.

Stevens is a fanatic about his work. He will talk and talk about it with any one willing to listen. "I expect I bore a lot of people," he says.

He bought the magazine about three years ago. At that time the price was stated to be about half a million. I would say the price was little more than half that.

Set type

Finding the money was no difficulty. He is rich. His mother inherited a third of the residue of the £2,222,000 left by her father, publisher Sir Edward Hulton, who died in 1925.

He is practically the sole owner of the magazine. It is owned by the Cromwell Publishing Company, which has a capital of £105,000. Stevens owns all the 5,000 Ordinary Shares. He owned 99,999—all but two of the non-voting Preference Shares until March last year.

He then transferred 50,000 of them to his Marriage Settlement Trust for the benefit of his children. He has a son and a daughter. "I had never been in the Queen office till I took it over

as proprietor and Editor-in-Chief," says Stevens.

He gathered a young staff around him. "None of us had any experience of the work we had to do. But we had abundant enthusiasm and lots of ideas."

Now he reckons there is no job on the magazine that he cannot do himself.

Reading

He can even set the type. After he left Cambridge he took a course at the London School of Printing. That training proved of immense value during the printing strike. Stevens decided to print in Germany. For three nights, from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m., he sat at a machine setting the type for his magazine.

"Each morning," he recalls, "we had to clean up and lock everything away, so that the German workers coming on duty would have no inkling about what we were up to. Had they known, they might have come out on strike."

In Fetter Lane, Stevens frequently lunches in the Conference Room on sandwiches. "I never leave before 7.30 in the evening," he says.

That makes things difficult for his social life. But this young man who once belonged to the Princess Alexandra set does not mind that. "For one thing," he says, "I cannot stand cocktail parties. In the four years we have been married, my wife and I have never given a cocktail party."

"Occasionally I have to go to one for business reasons. But never more than six a year."

His wife was the beautiful Jane Sheffield, a foot shorter than her husband. I remember the night they became engaged. It was at a party at Grosvenor House.

Stevens was on crutches after a fall while skiing in Switzerland, but he threw the crutches on one side to do a celebration dance with Jane.

Their home life would not suit most young wives. Stevens takes home each night a bundle of English and foreign magazines. After dinner he sits reading and studying them.

A bit dull for Mrs Stevens? "She has been very patient with me," he says. "She realises that my work keeps me happy. And it is something for a wife to know her husband is happy."

Once a fortnight they give a dinner party at their home in Chelsea Park Gardens. "Eight is the usual number for us," Stevens tells me. "We prefer to entertain our friends well in our own home rather than give a lot of boring cocktail parties."

Fishing

On evenings when they are dining out, he gets home shortly before eight. "A quick bath and change and I am ready by 8.15."

He has no time for theatres or music.

How rich is Jocelyn Stevens? "I don't know," he replies. "I have never thought about it. That is probably because all my life I have always known there is plenty of money around."

In addition to his home in Chelsea, he has a place "which

I love" on the banks of the Test in Hampshire. Jocelyn and Mrs Stevens go down there every weekend. After his magazine, fishing is his great enjoyment. He finds it restful, a place where he can still think about his job.

He has another house and other property in the Bahamas. A large part of his fortune is in stocks and shares. "They are good investments," says Stevens, "and they are exactly the same as when I inherited them. I have never bought or sold a share in my life. I haven't seen or been in communication with my broker for over two years."

Confident

A separate company looks after his investments. "When I wanted the money to buy the Queen," he says, "I simply asked this company to provide the money and it did so."

Many young men with this wealth have become mere play-boys. Jocelyn Stevens finds exciting, exhilarating the life he has chosen. Having money behind him gives him confidence to plan boldly.

He tells me the Queen is a paying concern. "Since I first bought it," he says, "I have not had to put another penny into it."

Recently he bought another magazine. Before long he aims to found more magazines. "I have them mapped out in my mind," he says. "When the time is ripe, I shall move." But he has no ambitions in the political field. "For one thing," says Stevens, "I don't know anything about politics. For another, I would not let anything distract me from my work as a publisher."

—(London Express Service).

Eichmann's kidnapping

IT is nothing new, they are saying. Illegal extradition by stealth and force, or, in plain language, kidnapping, is providing the world's lawyers with their most fascinating talking point today.

Is it possible, they are wondering, that there is a cut and dried precedent for the abduction of Herr Adolf Eichmann from the Argentine?

At once two cases spring up in their card-index memories. Regina versus Balfour. The United States versus Gaynor and Greene.

Followed

Oddly, this first case was also set in the Argentine. During the last decade of Queen Victoria's reign, one Jabez Balfour, financier, fled from London to Buenos Aires.

Behind him he left the wreckage of the Liberators Building Society and other speculative ventures, with liabilities reaching a grand total of over £8,000,000.

Balfour did not make this journey alone. Not far behind was a man from Scotland Yard—the gas-lit Scotland Yard of

Sherlock Holmes and Lestrade. Superintendent Frank Frost was under orders to arrest Balfour and bring him back to a cell in London.

Perhaps somewhere in the vaults of Scotland Yard can now be found Frost's confidential report on his mission. Presumably he told his seniors by what trick he managed to lure the unsuspecting Balfour on board a ship off the coast of the Argentine and how, once outside the three-mile limit of Argentinian waters, he was able to formally arrest his man.

On the run

But it was public knowledge that, a few weeks later, the two men walked side by side off a ship on to English soil, and that

I give you two flashback cases lawyers will be thinking a lot about today...

In 1895 Jabez Balfour was sentenced to 14 years' penal servitude, and that he died in 1916.

Far more is remembered of the case of Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene. In telling, their story becomes a Keystone Cops chase.

In 1899, when Jabez Balfour had just completed the fourth year of his sentence, two men crossed the border from the United States into Canada. They were on the run.

Surrounded

They had tried to cheat the United States Government of millions of dollars in fraudulent harbour construction contracts. When they crossed the border they were rich men.

Colonel John Gaynor and Captain Benjamin Greene disappeared for a while and then were seen again in Quebec. They lived a life of luxury. They built

up a false front of respectability by giving generously to charity.

Nothing disturbed their placid exile until the morning of May 15, 1902. What happened then is best told by a newspaper reporter who covered the fantastic story that began then.

He wrote: "It was a lovely spring morning and Gaynor was strolling along Dufferin Terrace, Quebec, enjoying a cigar. Greene had stepped down to the post office."

"Nothing warned them that in a very few moments they would be racing up and down the St Lawrence River, that special trains would be carrying special constables, that writs of habeas corpus would be issued in bewildering numbers, that Quebec would be imagining an American invasion, and the city of Montreal wondering what all the turmoil was about."

As Greene drew near the post office, five men suddenly surrounded him, flattered a legal-looking document before his eyes and hustled him into a cab. It was over in a moment, and before the dispenser of charity knew what had happened he found himself driven through the city to a wharf on the river. "Meanwhile, Gaynor was still enjoying his cigar when a small boy approached and told him Greene needed him immediately at the riverside. Gaynor hurried to the wharf and found himself the second prisoner aboard a tug, the Spray, en route for Montreal."

Full ahead

Now Gaynor's wife raised the alarm, the Quebec police were summoned and the great chase began. Policemen piled into tugs and even ferry boats. "Follow that tug!" they shouted.

Up the peaceful St Lawrence, between the wooded hills, steamed and spluttered the Spray and her labouring pursuers. Every engineering telegraph had rung "Full Ahead." Flashes pounded, paddle-wheels thrashed, flames shot from funnels.

But the Spray left them in her wake and as she ran alongside the quay at Montreal, waterfront loafers saw the rumpled figures of Gaynor and Greene, bundled ashore by the kidnappers.

Who were their kidnappers? No answer was ever given. It was said that they were American spies. But why had the Americans brought them to Montreal?

As soon as Gaynor and Greene were in their cells in Montreal the United States began extradition proceedings. They had known—as Gaynor and Greene knew—that the two were safe in Quebec. After all, the son-of-the-extradition commissioner of Quebec was their solicitor.

And now Quebec—all Quebec, it seemed... the police... friends of the two benefactors... and, of course, their solicitor—were demanding their release by Montreal.

Smuggled

If the United States wanted their extradition they could apply for it in Quebec. A writ of habeas corpus from the Montreal court should be enough to secure their release. It was.

But now came a new problem. Feeling was running high in Montreal and the Quebec police feared that once the two men were released "the populace of Montreal would rise in their thousands to retain the fugitives in their midst."

Extradition

Quebec detectives, therefore, chartered a train and, next night, Gaynor and Greene were smuggled aboard. No sooner were they safely back in Quebec than American agents, who had followed, were demanding their return to Montreal. But before any action could be taken Judge Caron of Quebec ordered that both men be released.

The scene shifted to London. The United States Government appealed to the Imperial Privy Council of Great Britain, against Judge Caron's ruling.

A legal tussle followed and finally judgment was in favour of the United States. Extradition followed and Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene faced trial for embezzlement. They were found guilty and served several years in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia.

The melodrama of kidnapping apart, can parallels be drawn between these cases and that of Eichmann? They cannot.

Balfour, Gaynor and Greene all had to face trial in the countries in which they committed their crimes.

Eichmann's known crimes against the Jewish people were monstrous. But they were not committed in Israel. That is the crux of the case. That is the point of law that is fascinating the minds of lawyers everywhere.

—Tom Prebble
(London Express Service)

TALKING POINTS

Thou must live for thy neighbour if thou wouldst live for thyself.
—SENECA.

In America, the President reigns for four years; journalism governs for ever.
—OSCAR WILDE.

Everything great in the world comes from neurotics.
—MARCEL PROUST.

Nothing is often a good thing to do, and always a clever thing to say.
—WILL DURANT.



U.S. WIN CANADA CUP

Belgium's Flory Van Donck takes individual title with a final score of 279

Portmarnock, June 26.

A blazing comeback by Arnold Palmer won the Canada Cup for the United States today. Belgium's Flory Van Donck won the individual international golf title from unfortunate American Sam Snead.

Young Palmer, tightening up a game that at one time threatened to fall in tatters, finished with a three-under-par 69 but Snead, with the individual crown in his grasp, fell victim to one of his renowned blowups for a final round 75.

The Americans wound up with a team total of 555, eight shots better than fast-closing England at 573. Australia's defending champion came in third on a 71 by Kel Nagle and a 75 by Peter Thomson with Ireland fourth at 575 and South Africa fifth at 578.

Van Donck, a dapper socialite of 48, put together four steady rounds of 68-71-70-70 for 279, which beat out the faltering Snead by two shots.

Palmer's fine climactic round tied him for third place at 284 and sent him on to the British Open Championship at St Andrews with renewed hope and confidence.

Van Donck, who twice before had missed this title by a shot, was at the clubhouse when Snead went into his sad collapse on the finishing hole.

Successive bogeys

Snead started the day three shots ahead of his Belgian rival and when he knocked in an 18-foot birdie putt at the first hole it appeared to the record gallery of 30,000 that he could walk easily to the individual title.

But he took successive bogeys at the ninth, 10th and 11th holes, principally because of poor putting, and when he shook the cobwebs out of his head he knew he had his work cut out for him.

He needed a birdie on one of the last seven holes—normally no difficult task for a golfer of his stature—to tie the individual pace-setter.

The roof fell in on Sam at the 192-year 15th. There, badly in need of his par, he hooked his tee shot into a crazy embankment at the left and then, from a downhill position, chipped to within 10 feet. He missed his putt. By this time things were getting desperate, but there was no hope for Sam, who has missed a half-dozen U.S. Open Championships with a similar unlucky finish. He missed a 34-foot putt to take a five at the 16th and that was the last chance.

Snead needed birdies on the final two holes or an eagle on one to get his tie. He played both holes boldly but wound up

Two athletics world records broken

Moscow, June 26. Two world records were broken and another equalled on the final day of a two-day athletics match between the Russian Federal Republic (RSFSR) and Poland at Tula today.

The Russians won the contest by 180.5 points to 149.5 points, according to Tass.

Poland's Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak, the European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, broke the world 3,000 metres steeplechase record with a time of eight minutes, 31.4 seconds.

He beat by six-tenths of a second the official record held by another Pole, Jerzy Chromik, the European steeplechase champion.

Russia's Irina Press bettered her own women's world pentathlon record with an aggregate of 4,959 points. Her previous best was 4,880 achieved in Moscow last September.

Another Russian girl, Rimma Koshelova, equalled the women's world 80 metres hurdles record of 10.6 seconds, held jointly by Kraszanska (Gast), of Germany, and Galina Bliznova, of the Soviet Union.

Miss Press's individual performances in the pentathlon were: shot put 15.15 metres, high jump 1.50 metres, 200 metres 24.5 seconds, 80 metres hurdles 10.9 seconds, long jump 8.17 metres.—Reuter.

REAL MADRID BEATEN IN SPANISH SOCCER CUP FINAL

Madrid, June 26. Atletico De Madrid defeated Real Madrid 3-1 to win the Spanish Soccer Cup Championship at Chamartin Stadium before 110,000 spectators today.

Real Madrid led 1-0 at half-time with a goal scored by inside-left Ferenc Puskas from a corner kick in the 21st minute. Outside-left Enrique Collar (51st minute) centre-forward Jones (76th minute) and inside-left Joaquin Peiro (81st minute) scored for the winners.

This is the first time Atletico has won the Spanish Cup Championship. The game, watched by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, was a disappointing one except for the last 15 minutes when Atletico did its best and outclassed Real Madrid with its faster and more aggressive play. The two teams committed many technical and tactical mistakes.

Real Madrid dominated the situation most of the time with better play, but the winners' defensive lines excelled and took the most credit for the triumph.

DIABETIC

Atletico, which concentrated on a defensive play from the beginning, got its two first goals in two fast counter-attacks profiting from defensive lapses by Real Madrid. The third goal by Peiro, was made after the best combined move of the game. Real Madrid, which was top favourite for the finals, made a poor impression, specially in defence during this game.—AP.

French champion keeps golf title for seventh time

Chantilly, June 26. Henri De Lamaze of France defeated John W. Dawson of the United States 4 and 3 today to win the French International Golf Championship for the seventh year in a row.

The 36-hole match drew a large and appreciative gallery which was cheering both golfers at the end. The Frenchman hung on to a three-hole lead he had in the first 18-holes, played in the morning and eagled at the 18th hole to bring the lead up to four.

Both Dawson and De Lamaze ended the first nine of the afternoon's 18-hole competition with a two-under-par 34.

At the end of the 18th hole De Lamaze stood at a five-under-par 59 and Dawson at a three-under-par 61.—UPI.

Weightlifting Record

Paris, June 26. Poland's Irenous Pulinak beat the world clean and jerk record with a new figure of 185.500 kg set during a weightlifting meeting between Poland and France here today. The former record belonged to Enrich of the United States. It was set up on April 13, 1957.—AFP.

Benny Paret to defend title

New York, June 26. Cubby world welterweight boxing champion Benny "Kid" Paret and America's Sugar Hart will meet for a 10-round non-title fight at Madison Square Garden in New York on July 12, it was announced here today.

It will be Paret's first fight since he beat Don Jordan a month ago and won the welterweight crown.—AFP.

Moss making good progress

London, June 26. Racing driver Stirling Moss continues to make good progress, St Thomas's Hospital said today. Moss, 30, was seriously injured in a crash during trials for the Belgian Grand Prix eight days ago.—AP.

The Aga Khan's Charlottesville wins Paris Grand Prix

Paris, June 26. General De Gaulle and a huge crowd of racegoers at Longchamps today saw the Aga Khan's crack three-year-old colt, Charlottesville, gain a three-length victory in the 400,000 Franc (230,000) Grand Prix De Paris.

Charlottesville, again ridden by Australian George Moore, completed a fine double, having won the French Derby at Chantilly a fortnight ago.

The colt must now rate as the best French three-year-old in succession to Angers, who had to be destroyed after an accident in the Epsom Derby.

Starting favourite, Charlottesville, from the late Aly Khan's stable, won comfortably from M. Rene Guillemin's Kirkes.

Mme Leon Volterra's Eranbild was three-quarters of a length further away, third in a field of 20.

The winner of this 15-furlong event, one of the richest races in Europe, is entered for the English St Leger at Doncaster in September.

"Charlottesville is a horse of outstanding class and quality," jockey Moore said afterwards. General De Gaulle, who watched the race from the Presidential Box, complimented Moore on his success.

The young Aga Khan also congratulated him.

Moore rode a clever, tactical race. He was fourth until the half-way mark, moved up to third at the three-quarter distance, and entering the straight, three furlongs from the post, he took the son of Prince Chivalier into second place behind Pin Point. Making his effort 1½ furlongs from home, he moved smoothly past the leader to win easily.

On the pari-mutuel, Charlottesville paid 2.10 francs for a one-franc stake. Places were 1.40, 2.80, 2.10.—Reuter.

Belgian riders make good start in the Tour De France

Brussels, June 26. Riding over home ground and cheered by partisan crowds lining the route Belgian riders took the first two places of the first half of today's opening stage of the famous Forty-seventh Cycling Tour of France.

Joseph Schepers won the 108 kilometre (67 mile) road race from Lille, North France to the Belgian capital in 2 hours 46 minutes 21 seconds with his compatriot Joseph Hoeynaers second and Italy's Gastone Nencini third in the same time.

In the short, fast, uneventful ride in glorious sunshine riders of the Belgian team, wearing the yellow caps as team winners of last year's Tour, went flat out as they neared Brussels to bring their country cycling glory during the short passage of the tour in Belgium.

128 starters After this afternoon's second half of the first stage against the clock around Brussels the Tour leaves Belgium tomorrow as it returns to France where it will remain until it winds up in Paris on July 17.

Spain's Federico Bahamontes, wearing the leaders' yellow sweater as winner of last year's Tour was among the 128 starters for the 4,172 kilometre (2,601 miles) 21-stage 22-day race.

Britain's John Andrews and Victor Sutton almost missed the start. On the dawn of the world's richest, longest and most gruelling professional road cycling race they had gone back to sleep after an early call.

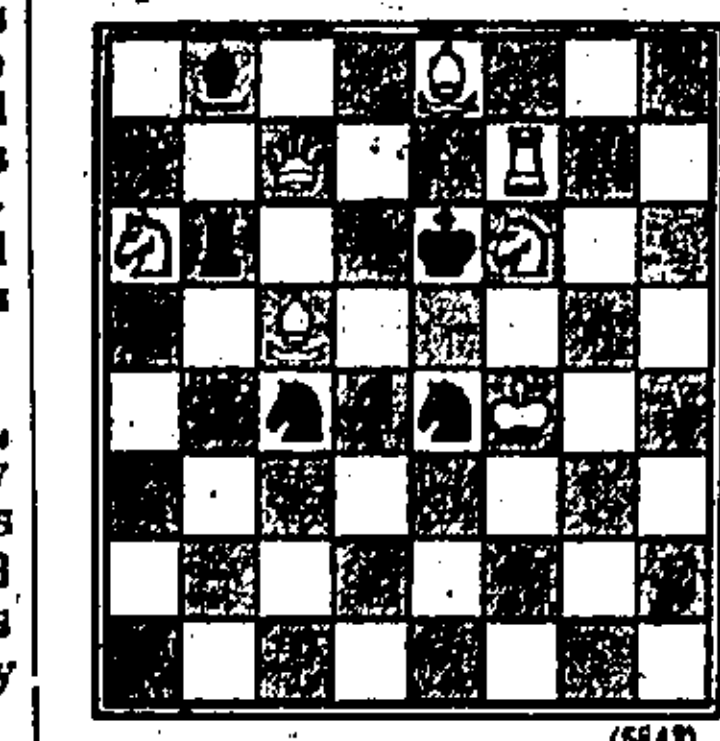
Denmark's Arne Jonsson did not start. He had no riding shoes. They had been stolen.

Theft victim

With his compatriot Leif Hammel and Sweden's Goran Karlson he had been the victim of a theft in Paris last week. Their suitcases containing money, identity papers and gear had been stolen from the car of the third Danish Tour rider, Bent Rovig. The victims spent Saturday searching Lille shops for new gear. But Jonsson's feet were too big for French

riding shoes and he decided: "No shoes, No Tour." He was replaced at the last minute in the international team by Poland's Thadee Wieruski. With the addition of Poland, 14 countries in 13 teams are now competing in the race — France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Sweden, Britain, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.—AFP.

CHESS By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by G. Ghirelli (Chess, 1948). White to play and mate in two moves. London Express Service.

Four U.S. records broken at AAAU Championships

Bakersfield, June 26. Four United States records were broken and another equalled on the final day of the American Amateur Athletic Union Championships here yesterday.

Jim Grelle set a new mark of 3 mins 42.7 secs for the 1,500 metres, Phil Coleman broke the 3,000 metres steeplechase record with 8 mins 55.6 secs, Al Oerter beat his own discus figures with 193 feet 3½ inches and Ira Davies set a hop, step and jump record of 53 ft 4¼ ins.

Ira Davies' winning hop, step, and jump distance was 11 inches better than the previous American record, set by Al Andrews in California last year, and beat the 19-year-old championship record of Billy Brown by two feet 4¾ inches.

Grelle clipped almost five seconds off Tryon Harrison's championship record for the 1,500 metres of three minutes 47.5 seconds, set last year.

Coleman bettered the previous championship best for 3,000 metres of eight minutes 57.3 seconds, clocked by Charley Jones, who finished second to Coleman last night in the same time.

Defending champion Oerter improved his own distance of 186 feet five inches in the discus. Dick Cochran, who took second place last night, also beat the previous championship mark with his 188 feet 10 inches.

Otis Davis equalled the 1956 Olympics 400 metres championship record of 45.8 seconds. Most of the winners of this meeting will take part in the United States Olympic trials at Stanford University, California, next week.

Defending 400 metres champion Eddie Southern withdrew from the event because of a minor illness.

Sprinter Ray Norton added to his 100-metre success of the previous night, with a 20.8 seconds win in the 200-metres last night.

Dual sprint winner at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, Bobby Morrow, finished fourth, and Dave Sime, another top U.S. sprinter was sixth. However, both qualified for the Olympic trials next week.

Thrilling finish

The defending champion in the 800-metres, Tom Murphy, finished third last night to Jim Cerveny and Louis Merriman. Cerveny's winning time was one minute 48.4 seconds.

Jim Beatty, who entered the running for the Olympics with a recent sub-four minute mile was narrowly beaten in the 5,000 metres run last night by Bill Dellinger.

Matching strides in a thrilling 200-metre sprint to the tape, both were timed at 14 minutes 26.4 seconds. Australian, Pat Ciohesy, running for the University of Houston, was third in 14 minutes 33.4 seconds.

Results

Yesterday's results were:
200 Metres: Ray Norton, 20.8 seconds.
400 Metres: Jim Cerveny, 1:48.4.
800 Metres: Tom Murphy, 2:01.1.
1,500 Metres: Jim Grelle, 3:42.7.
3,000 Metres: Phil Coleman, 8:55.6.
5,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 16:11.4.
10,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 34:1.2.
20,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 1:08:1.2.
30,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 1:56:1.2.
40,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 2:44:1.2.
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80,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 5:56:1.2.
90,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 6:44:1.2.
100,000 Metres: Jim Beatty, 7:32:1.2.

2. Louis Merriman, 1:48.7.
3. Tom Murphy, 1:49.7.
1,500 Metres
1. Jim Grelle, 3 minutes 42.7 seconds.
2. Phil Coleman, 3:43.5.
3. Ed Moran, 3:43.7.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase
1. Phil Coleman, 8 minutes 55.6 seconds.
2. Charles Jones, 8:55.6.
3. Tom Oakley, 9:03.7.

5,000 Metres
1. Bill Dellinger, 14 minutes 26.4 seconds.
2. Jim Beatty, 14:26.4.
3. Pat Ciohesy, 14:33.4.

200 Metres Low Hurdles (Non-Olympic Event)
1. Dick Howard, 23.3 secs.
2. Roy Thompson, 23.5 secs.
3. Rex Stucker, 23.5 secs.

Hop, step and jump
1. Ira Davis, 53 feet 4¼ inches.
2. Kent Floerke, 52 feet 10¼ inches.
3. William Sharpe, 51 feet 3¼ inches.

Discus
1. Al Oerter, 183 feet 9¼ inches.
2. Richard Cochran, 188 feet 10 inches.
3. Rink Babka, 185 feet 6 inches.

After six hours and 20 minutes, the pole vault ended today with world record-holder Bob Gutowski, Ron Morris, Aubrey Dooley, Mel Schwarz, Jim Graham, and John Cramer tied at 35-feet and three-quarters of an inch.—Reuter.

Britain out of Olympic water polo tournament

Groningen, June 26. Belgium headed a three-nation group here today to qualify for the final series of the Olympic Water Polo Tournament in Rome.

In their last match, they beat Britain 4-3 to finish with four points from two matches, Sweden, second with two points, and Britain, who failed to gain a point, were eliminated.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

Men's "A" Division: KCC v SCAA, CRC v UC.
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Ladies' "B" Division: CRC v UC, KCC v LBC (3).
Senior League: Edlin v CYMCA, Victoria Pool 7 p.m.
Junior League: Chung Sing v RAF, Victoria Pool, 6:30 p.m.
Hawthorne Badminton Executive Committee meeting, St George's Building, 2nd floor, 9.45 p.m.
Boris
Colony Championship: Open Pairs second round matches at HKCC, IRC, PRC, HKCC, KCC.

RUNNERS TO ATTACK BRITAIN'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS

Three summits in 24 hours

Four men, one of them a diabetic, are preparing to run up the three highest mountains in Britain inside 24 hours.

First they will tackle Ben Nevis (4,406ft.), then drive 270 miles to Scafell (3,210ft.) in the Lake District, and after another drive of 190 miles, run up Snowdon (3,560ft.) and down again.

The team are all long-distance runners, and members of a works athletic club at Luton.

Defensive play

The diabetic is Mr. Geoffrey Seabrook, 34, of Wood Green Close, Luton. As team captain he has been making detailed preparations since last November. Diabetics have compiled special ration tables to give the runner maximum energy. Mr. Seabrook will also need an insulin injection and repeated doses of glucose to keep him going. He said: "I think the fact that I am a diabetic is scaring me on. I have no in-

tention of letting it get the better of me. So many diabetics think they must take no exercise but I don't agree."

"My wife and doctor say I'm an obsessive. My dining-hall mates say I'm a fanatic. I think I agree with them."

"But I think the time to ask why I am doing this is after the trip. When I'm tired out and have blistered feet, then I will have time to wonder why—and probably give a true answer."

All the team have already run up Ben Nevis in the annual race there, and the younger members, Mr. Michael Boyd, 20, of Hollybush Road, Luton, said: "When you are running up the mountain and nearly making yourself unconscious with exhaustion, you keep saying 'Why am I doing it?'"

"But as soon as you pass the finishing line you get a wonderful sense of achievement. You have run against the mountain and beaten it."—London Express Service.

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



COOK BETTER MEALS



Ferraris almost sweep the board

BELGIAN DRIVERS WIN THE LE MANS AS FIVE OTHER FERRARIS FINISH AMONG FIRST SEVEN

Le Mans, June 26.

Italian Ferraris dominated the 1960 Le Mans 24-hour endurance race which ended here in brilliant sunshine today, taking six of the first seven places.

A lone British Aston-Martin, driven by Roy Salvadori and Jim Clark broke into the Italian procession to take third place.

The winner was a Works Ferrari driven by two Belgians, Paul Frere, a journalist, and Olivier Gendebien, Grand Prix driver.

Second was an American-entered Ferrari, driven by Ricardo Rodriguez and Andre Pilette.

After the Aston-Martin came four more privately-entered Ferraris, followed by an American Chevrolet Corvette entered by millionaire sportsman Briggs Cunningham.

There were ten British cars among the 25 which survived from a field of 55.

Although there were some spills, the 28th Le Mans was an injury-free race. The small army of doctors, nurses, and ambulances, round the

eight-mile circuit had little to do. Thousands of enthusiastic admirers mobbed Frere and Gendebien as the winning Ferrari pulled up in front of the pits shortly after the flag dropped.

In his hour of triumph, Frere declared: "This is my last race. I have made up my mind."

"I had no worries or trouble at all. I was quite confident throughout. Mind you, we nursed the car."

Gendebien, winner of the race two years ago with Phil Hill in a Ferrari, said: "I only believed in our victory once I had passed the finishing post."

The winning car was the only survivor of the four Works Ferraris entered. Eight other Ferraris were privately entered. Another crashed in practice before the race.

Pace-maker from the start of the race was the American-entered Maserati driven by Masten Gregory and Chuck Daigh, which took the lead and stayed there until it retired after 82 laps.

Fastest time

This car recorded the fastest time on the long Mulsanne straight of 272 kilometres an hour (170 mph).

Two Jaguars also started but both retired with engine trouble. One entered by Briggs Cunningham and driven by the American sports car champion Walter Hansgen and Dan Gurney, was the fastest car in practice.

The other Jaguar, entered by Eugene Esce and driven by Ron Flockhart and Bruce Halford, retired after 13 hours when in

fourth position, having lost water and seized up.

Flockhart commented philosophically: "It was the luck of the game."

Thrills

One of the strangest misfortunes of the race was the elimination of two Works Ferraris through a miscalculation of petrol consumption. The race was yet young when the two cars ran out of fuel on the circuit and had to withdraw.

Speeds were cut down last night by a downpour lasting several hours, but the track later dried out and today was fine and warm.

The heavy Chevrolet Corvettes, equipped with drum brakes, which do not compare in life or efficiency with the more modern disc-type, were generally not taken as a serious threat.

But there were cheers when things went well for the Corvettes and groans when they were in trouble. Two of them finished in eighth and tenth places, but the team was involved in many adventures on the track.

One car crashed twice but kept running. Two Corvettes caught fire on the circuit and another driven by Fred Windridge took to the escape road just past the main grandstand with clouds of blue smoke pouring out of it.

The German Porsches, of which six started and only two finished—in eleventh and twelfth places—also provided some interest and excitement. Mechanics even took the engine out of one and put it back again during a pit stop in an effort to keep the car in the race.

First ever 'robot bookmaker' to be tested in Sydney

Sydney, June 26.

A totalisator betting machine believed to be the first in history to take a gambling risk will be tested at Randwick, Sydney, within six weeks.

Universal Totalisators Ltd, has been trying to perfect the "Robot Bookmaker" for four years. The machine is reported to have cost the makers a small fortune. On the robot, punters will know what odds they are getting when they make a bet.

Unlike the ordinary tote, the machine can lose as well as win on a race.

Normal totes here deduct 12½ per cent from the total investment—7½ per cent going to the government, and the race club and totalisator company sharing 5 per cent.

But since the robot is a gambling bookmaker—not a tote—the deduction would only be 2 per cent turnover tax—as paid by bookmakers plus, possibly, a small percentage for the club.

It is believed the tote will use the same opening quotes as bookmakers, most of whom obtain them from price framers.

Although the "Automatic Bookmaker" scientifically adjusts odds as money flows in, the machine could lose if punters plunged on one horse, regardless of the reducing price.

Sydney race clubs have not yet approved installation of the "Robot Bookmaker" for racing purposes.

But the Australian Jockey Club has given permission for a test run at Randwick.

Racing officials will be "punters" at the trial.—China Mail Special.

France came into her own as always with the little DB Panhard which makes a feature of winning the index of performance.

This prize which brings in as much money as winning the race itself, is awarded on the basis of a formula which takes the engine size into account. The winning drivers were Girard Laureau and Paul Armagnac.

New event

This is the last time that the index of performance will be contested in the Le Mans race. It will be replaced by a "index of energy output" which was started today, with Lotus cars taking the first two places.

The new index is a complicated calculation of fuel consumption, weight of car, distance run and average speed. The Lotus driven by John Wagstaff and Tony Marsh took first place, followed by another Works car driven by Robert Masson and Claude Laurent.



'More than just a fight', said 'The Bomber'

Joe Louis said: "A guy fights for dough, except maybe once." Everyone knew exactly what he meant. For Louis only once went into the ring, his gloves loaded with hate.

That was his second fight against Max Schmeling, idol of Germany—and Hitler's muscle-flexing Aryan superman.

It was not so much the humiliating twelve-round beating Louis suffered against Schmeling in their first fight that burned in him. Or the fact that the German had gloated over his achievement.

What made Louis mad was the ceaseless flow of racial propaganda Germany's demon doctor, Joseph Goebbels, dished out after the fight.

By the time the men came face-to-face in the packed Yankee Stadium, on June 22, 1938, the world crown at stake had become almost incidental.

A race war

It was more than mere elemental revenge. More even than a grudge fight.

German propaganda had blown the encounter into a full-blooded international incident; a miniature race war between fanatical Germany and the entire Negro race.

Make no mistake. That first victory of Schmeling's was no fluke.

The sensational young (22-year-old) Brown Bomber from Detroit had won

27 professional fights—23 of them inside the distance.

He was a walking legend—the greatest heavyweight

since Jack Johnson.

By a mere glance he had reduced world class boxers to a mass of quivering nerves.

Primo Camera, strong as an ox and built like a Samson, had gone pale at the sight of Louis. Tough, wise-cracking Max Baer became a nervous humbler when he met the Bomber.

Aryan arrogance

Louis was on the way up, devouring everyone placed in his path. When he was matched in a final eliminator for the world crown against Max Schmeling, the result was a foregone conclusion to experts all over the world.

But Schmeling had other ideas. To the veteran (31-year-old) German ex-world champion it was the chance of a lifetime. At stake a crack at James J. Braddock—and the chance of becoming the first man to regain the world title.

But Schmeling wasn't popular. In his country Hitler had already started his persecution of the Jews. To the Jewish community in New York—the biggest supporters of the fight game—Schmeling was the embodiment of Aryan arrogance.

No one seems to have pointed out that Schmeling himself had courageously defied the Nazis and refused to break with his Jewish manager Joe Jacobs despite a newspaper campaign against him.

They flocked in their thousands to the Yankee Stadium that June night in 1938, Jews and Negroes, to see Louis strike a blow of protest against the crimes of the Third Reich by taking it out of the dour German.

Shock

But instead they got the shock of their lives.

In his close study of Louis' style, Schmeling had discovered his one weakness. The Brown Bomber was a sucker for a straight right. And Schmeling was the deadly possessor of the best right hand punch in the business.

It took him four rounds of masterly ringcraft to coax light-footed Louis into the right position. But when the chance came he grabbed it.

Blocking a devastating left jab from the Bomber, he threw a right hook that caught Louis bang on his chin. Momentarily dazed, Louis dropped his guard, and like a flash Schmeling moved in, slamming lefts and rights at the Bomber's unprotected chin.

Then the unbelievable happened. Louis' knees wobbled like jelly, and he crumpled to the canvas.

Like a novice he sprang up at the count of "three." And the bell saved him.

But when he came back it was obvious that his mechanical fighting ability had been thrown out of gear. For eight rounds he instinctively defended himself.

A final shattering right ended the debacle. Louis was counted out.

First defeat

To Louis it was a humiliating setback, the first defeat in his career. But he accepted it philosophically.

The story might have ended there, but Hitler and Propaganda Minister Goebbels decided that Schmeling's victory was ideal material to boost German prestige at home and abroad.

They cabled glowing congratulations to their hero. And ordered him to obtain a copy of the film of the fight. They sent flowers to Frau Schmeling (actress Anna Ondra) and arranged a riotous reception for the return of the victor.

In accepting their praise, Schmeling identified himself with Germany's despots. He told German newspapers: "I thought of the Fuehrer and found strength to beat the Negro." He became a willing tool in the hands of Goebbels.

Before his victory those who knew him, judged Schmeling a conscientious, fair man. True he was dour, relentless, a fighter without kindness, a man who

courted no favours. But a true sportsman.

Overnight, in the eyes of the world, he became a declared Nazi.

When he returned to America a year later to claim his chance against Braddock he was cold-shouldered back to his Fatherland.

Louis got the chance instead, and won the crown.

But in his dressing room

after the fight, the slow-talking Louis uttered the most bitter after-fight

speech of his career.

Someone asked him: "Why don't you smile, Joe? You're the new Champ."

"No, I ain't no champ," Louis retorted. "Not 'til I've dealt with Schmeling."

Peak form

The fight was arranged for June 22, 1938 in the same stadium where Schmeling had halted Louis' championship climb.

Since his defeat by Schmeling, Louis had taken the world title and successfully staked it against Tommy Farr, Nathan Mann and Harry Thomas.

He was at the peak of his form. And itching for his fight against Schmeling.

When he wound up his training, Louis, for the first and only time in his career, uttered a threat: "This is more than just a fight," he said. "I'm fighting Hitler's man. In Germany they have ridiculed me and my race."

"You want to make a little money? Get yourself a bet. I'll tear his head off in one round. Yes, sir. Just one round."

It was the longest speech Louis had ever made.

On the big night, 70,000 fight fans paid more than 1,000,000 dollars to witness what eventually became known as the greatest slaughter in boxing history.

The first bell sounded muffled in the taut atmosphere of the packed stadium. For a moment it seemed that neither man had heard the gong.

Punishment

Guardedly, they moved closer to one another. A few seconds of sparring. Schmeling threw a looping right-hander. If he hoped to reproduce the punch that had undone Louis two years ago he was very much mistaken. Louis wasn't going to make the same mistake twice.

Suddenly, like a wild beast, Louis flew into Schmeling, throwing hate-guided punches from all angles. Every one found its target.

It was a welter of blinding punishment. And Schmeling had no answer. He tried to take refuge on the ropes. But he couldn't side-step a single blow from the furious Negro.

Then Louis let rip a right-hand punch with every one of his 188½ lbs behind it. Schmeling squealed in agony. In fact that punch actually dislocated one of Schmeling's vertebrae.

Helplessly he went down for "three." Again for "two."

Then again, Referee Arthur Donovan waved Louis back. He kicked aside the surrender towel Schmeling's frantic trainer had flung into the ring, and started counting.

At "eight" he knew he need count no further. He raised Louis' arm to the dark sky.

Time: Exactly 124 seconds—66 seconds less than Louis had estimated.

Schmeling was rushed to hospital, and three weeks later carried aboard the Bremen on a stretcher for his return home.

There, only his wife waited to greet him.

U.S. BASEBALL

Baltimore Orioles take over AL lead

New York, June 27. Chuck Estrada and Jim Gentile boosted Baltimore into the American League lead yesterday with a victory over Kansas City while the New York Yankees fell into second place, one game back, by splitting a doubleheader with Cleveland.

The Yanks won the opener 6-2 but lost the second in 11 innings 7-6, before 57,261 fans at Cleveland, the League's largest crowd of the year.

Pittsburgh dropped two games 7-6 and 7-5 to the Chicago Cubs who had lost nine in a row, but the Pirates didn't lose much of their National League lead because second-place Milwaukee and third-place San Francisco also lost. Frank Howard's two home runs helped Los Angeles defeat Milwaukee 6-3. Cincinnati backed up Bob Purkey with 12 hits for a 10-4 romp over the Giants.

Results

Yesterday's results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE (First game)				
	R	H	E	
Boston	3	5	0	
Chicago	4	7	0	

(Second game)				
Boston	7	10	1	
Chicago	21	22	1	

(First game)				
New York	6	8	0	
Cleveland	2	4	0	

(Second game)				
New York	6	9	1	
Cleveland	7	11	1	

(First game)				
Washington	4	10	3	
Detroit	2	7	1	

(Second game)				
Washington	7	9	2	
Detroit	4	8	1	

Baltimore	9	13	0	
Kansas City	2	2	3	

NATIONAL LEAGUE (First game)				
St. Louis	2	5	0	
Philadelphia	3	11	1	

(Second game)				
St. Louis	4	7	0	
Philadelphia	3	9	0	

(First game)				
Chicago	7	12	0	
Pittsburgh	6	8	1	

(Second game)				
Chicago	7	9	0	
Pittsburgh	5	11	2	

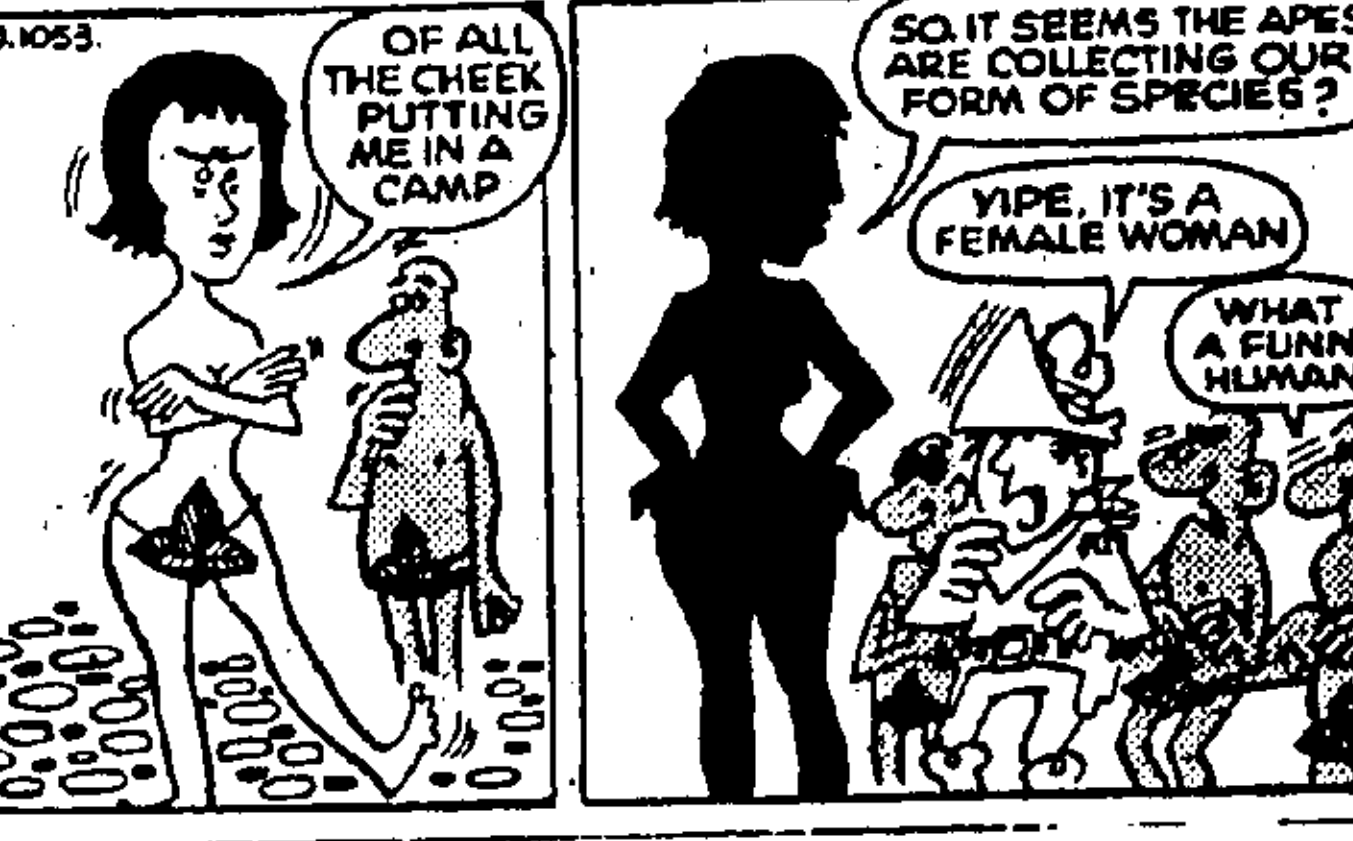
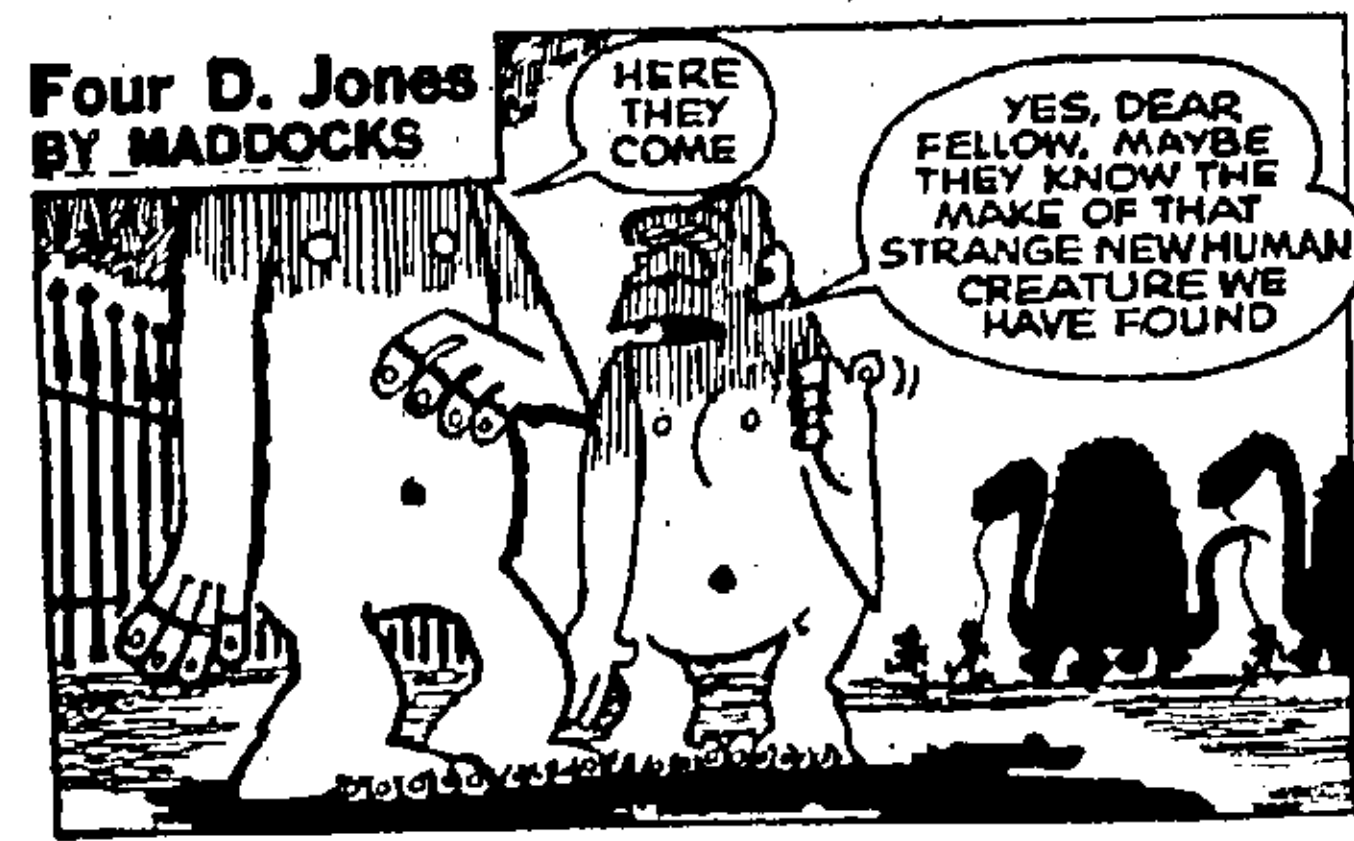
Los Angeles	6	8	1	
Milwaukee	3	7	1	

San Francisco	4	11	1	
Cincinnati	10	12	1	

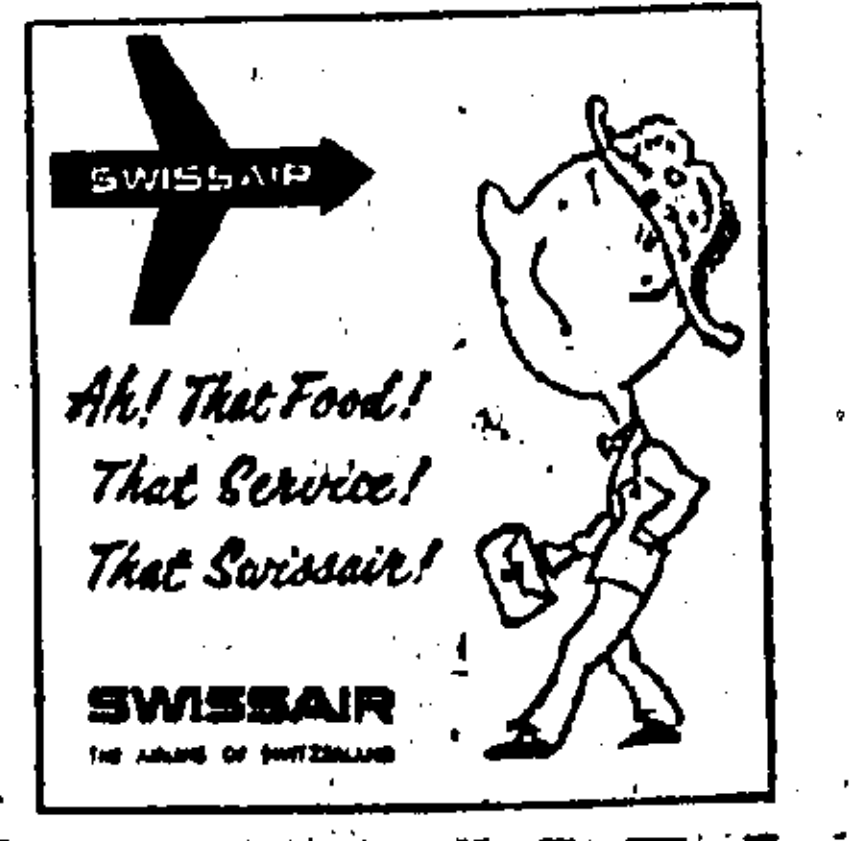
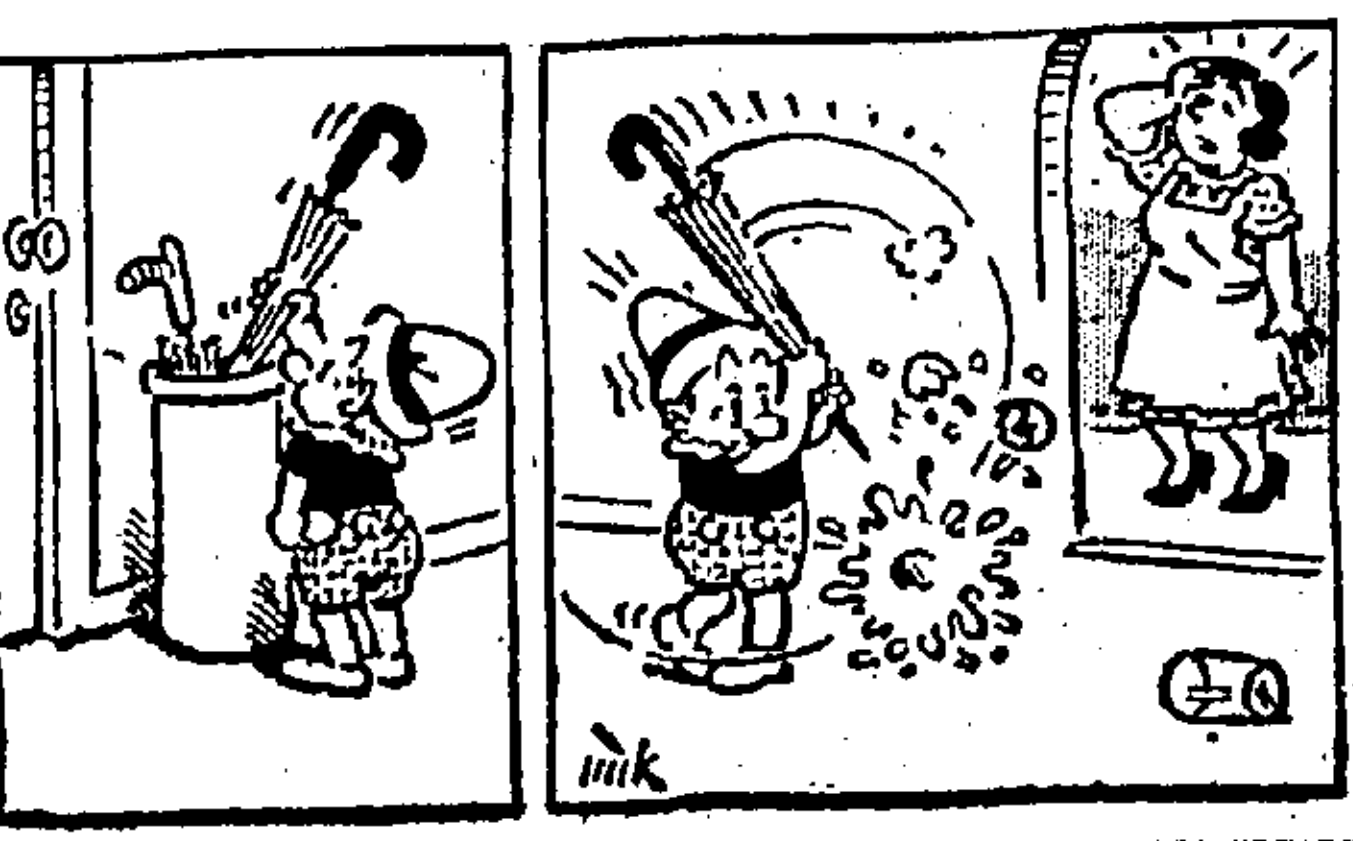
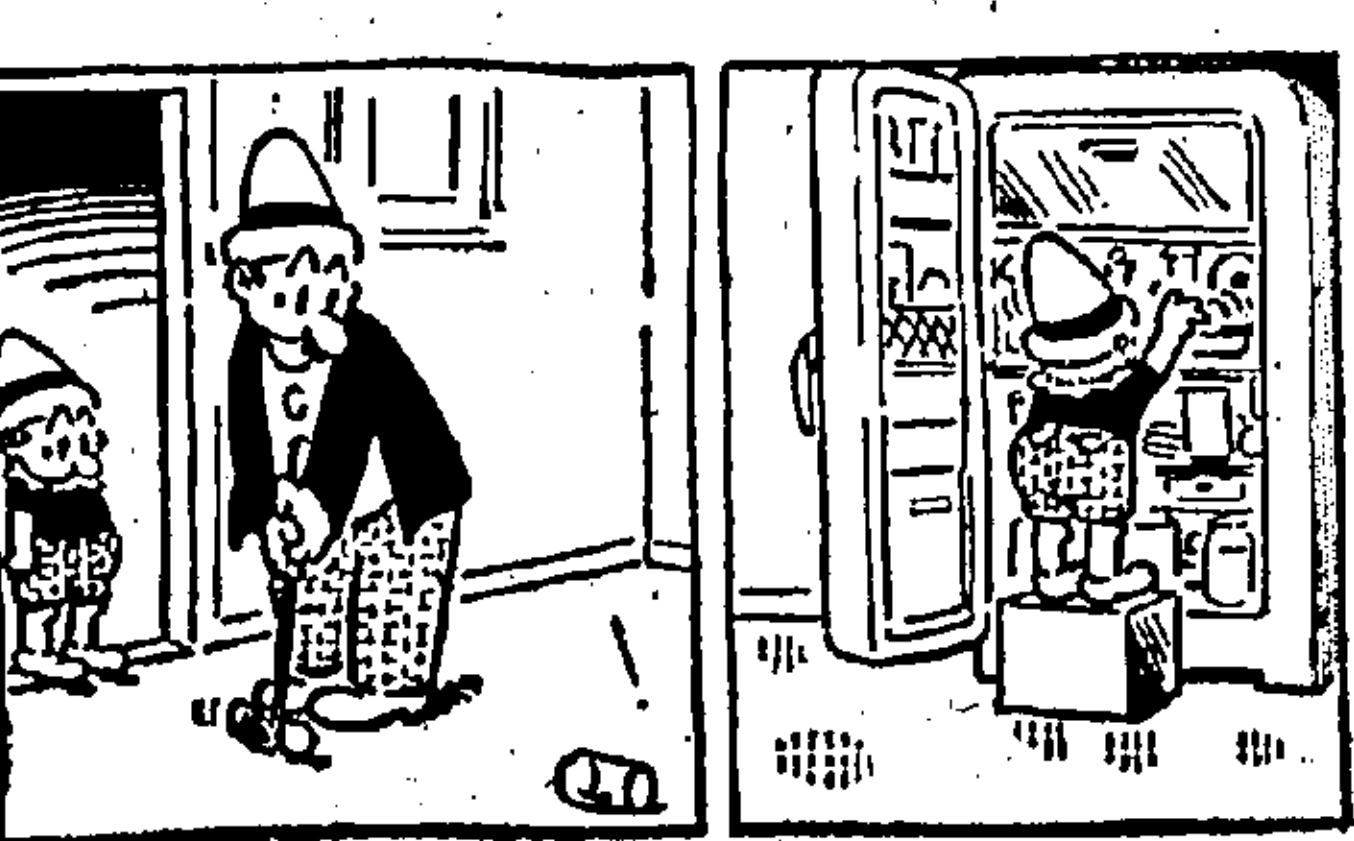
League standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	41	27	.603	—
New York	37	25	.597	1
Cleveland	35	27	.565	3
Chicago	36	30	.543	4
Detroit	31	32	.492	7½
Washington	28	34	.450	10
Kansas City	28	38	.426	13½
Boston	22	43	.344	17

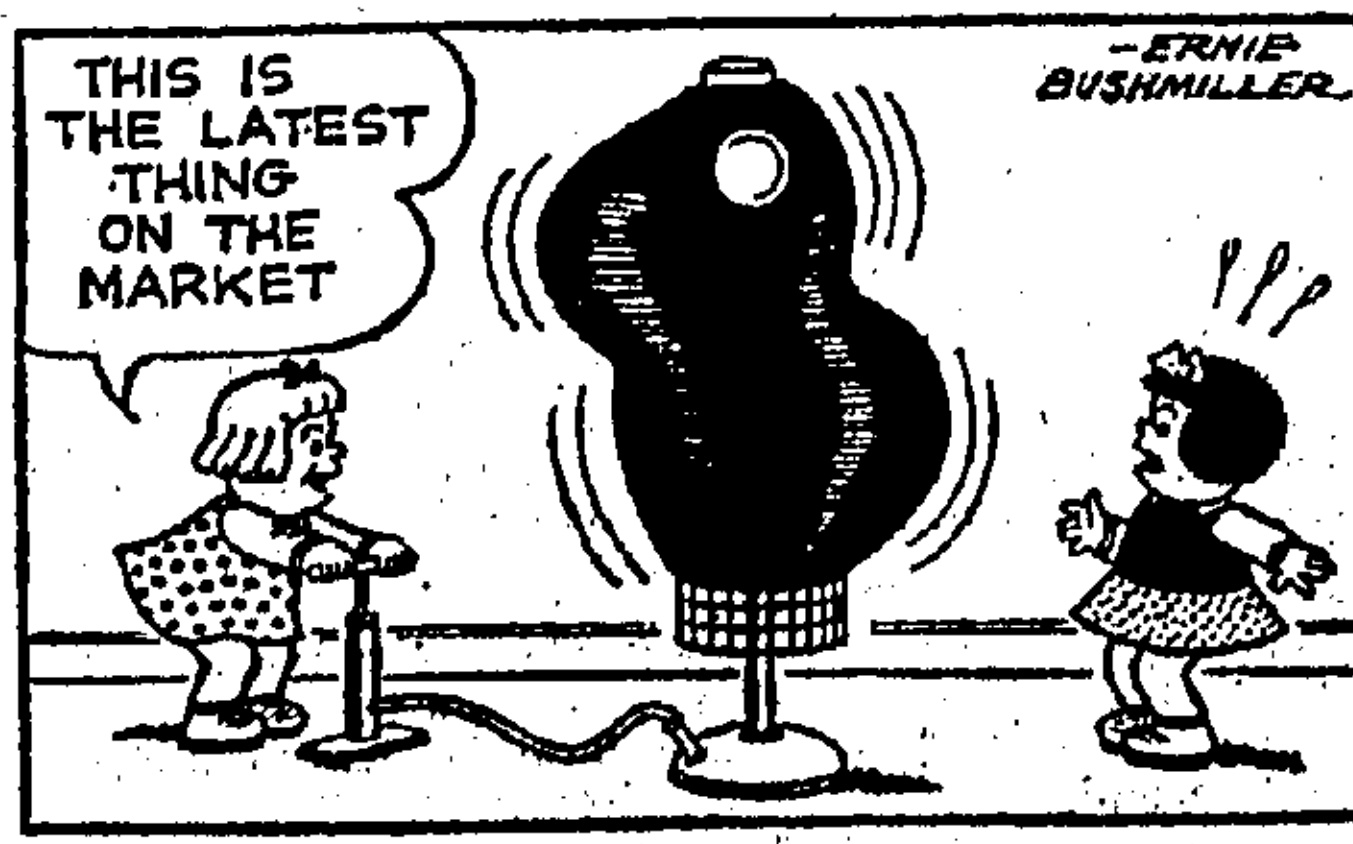
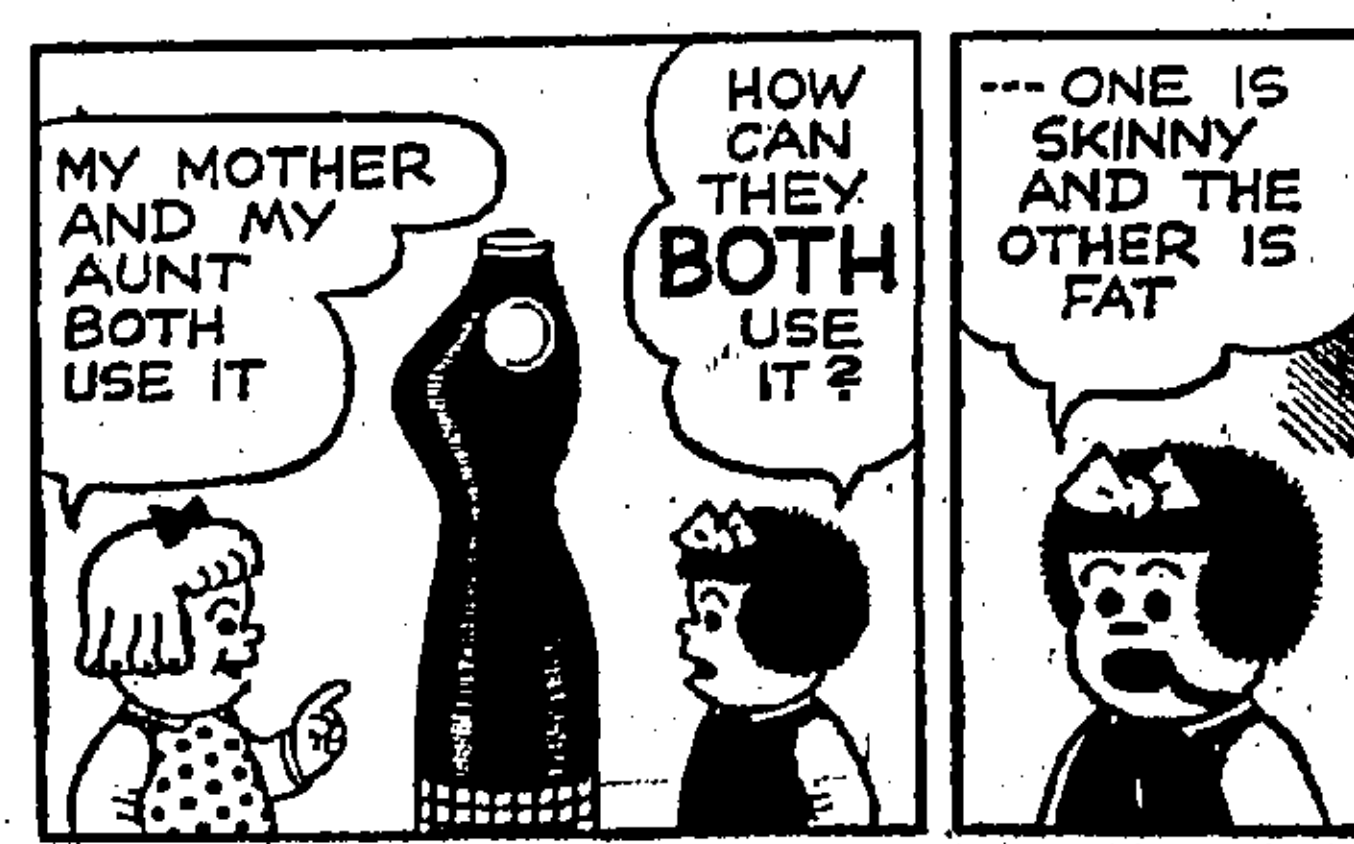
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	41	24	.631	—
Milwaukee	36	25	.590	3
San Francisco	35	31	.531	8
St. Louis	35	34	.507	9½
Cincinnati	34	34	.500	10
Los Angeles	30	34	.471	10½
Philadelphia	27	39	.409	14½
Chicago	25	37	.403	16½



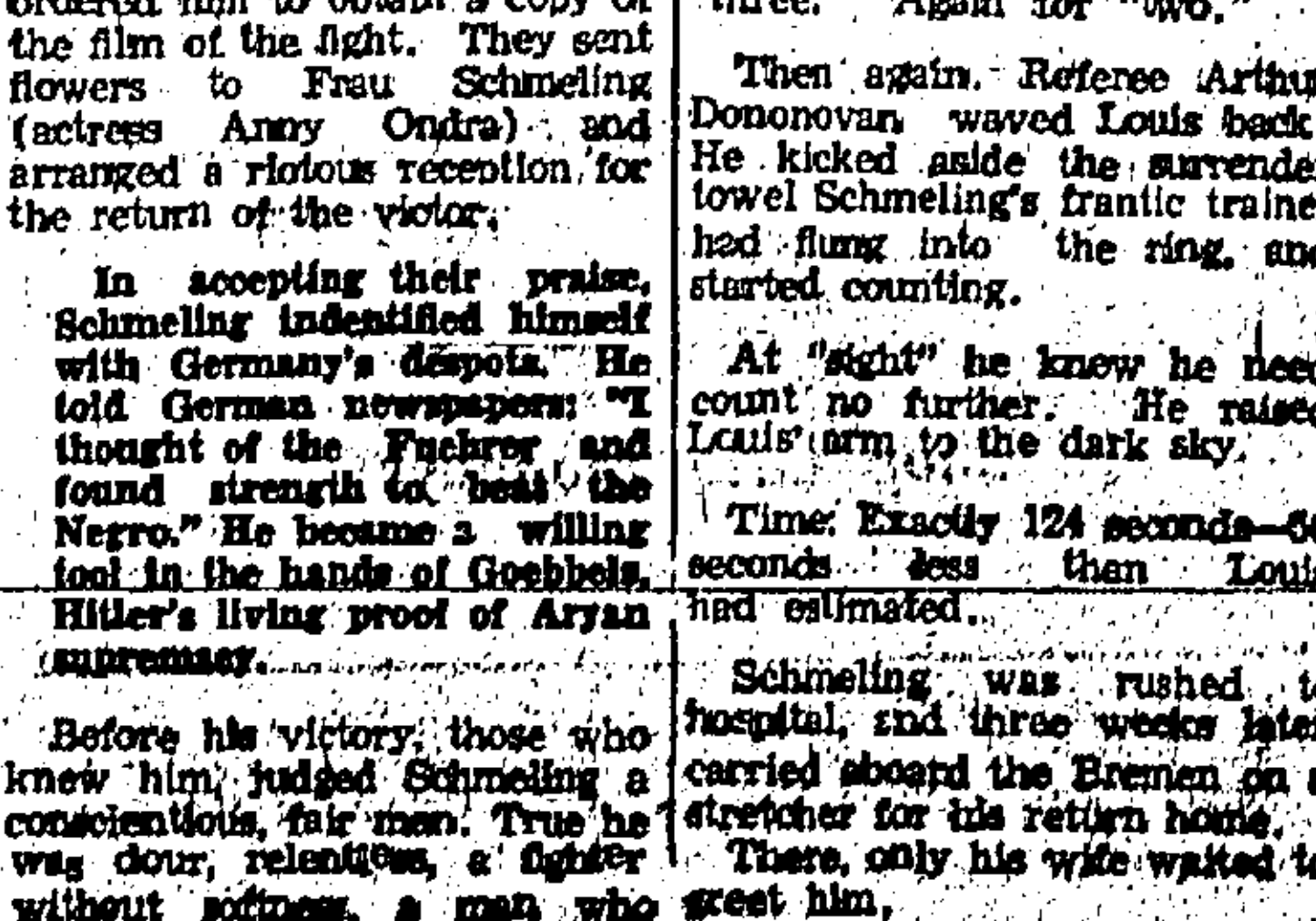
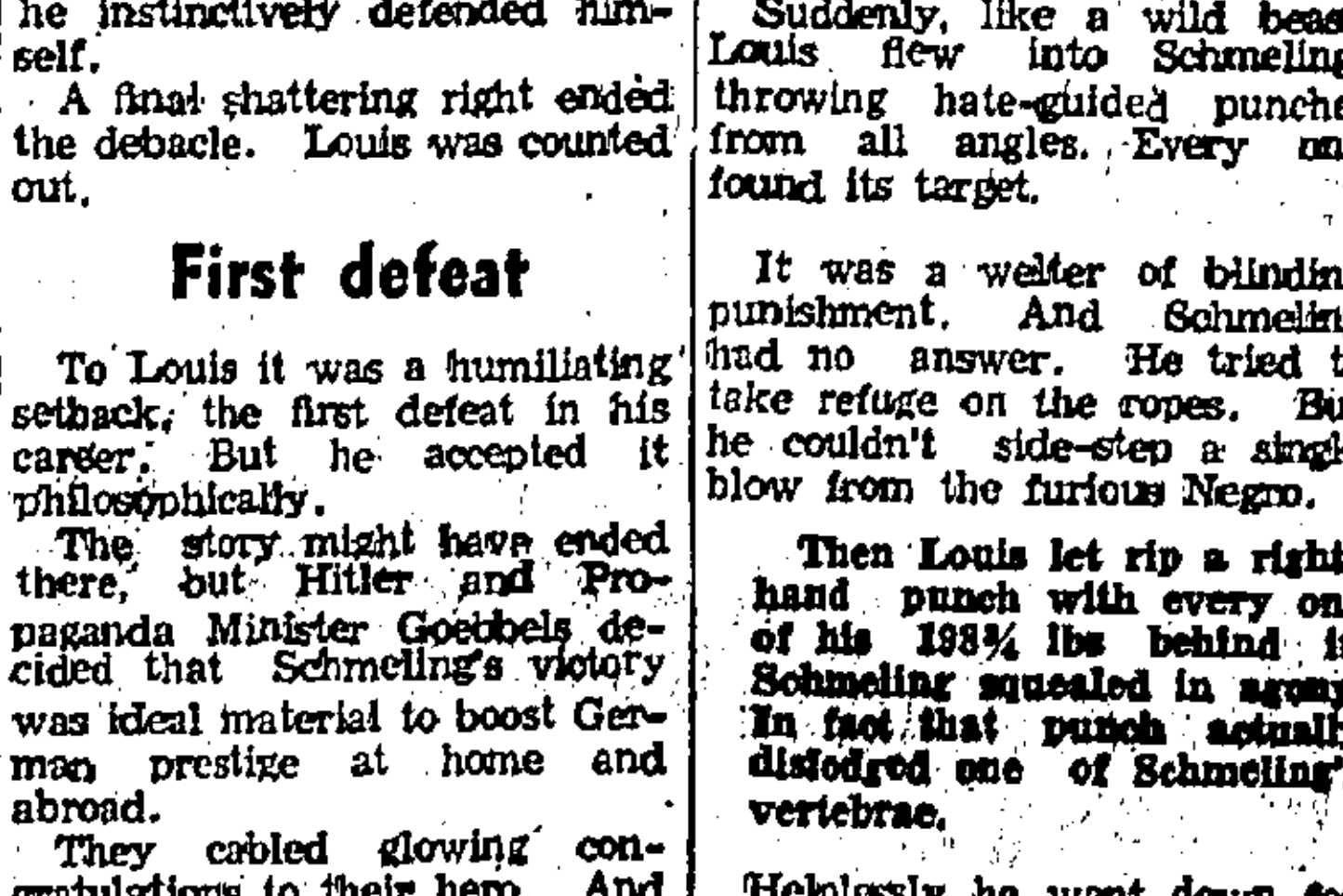
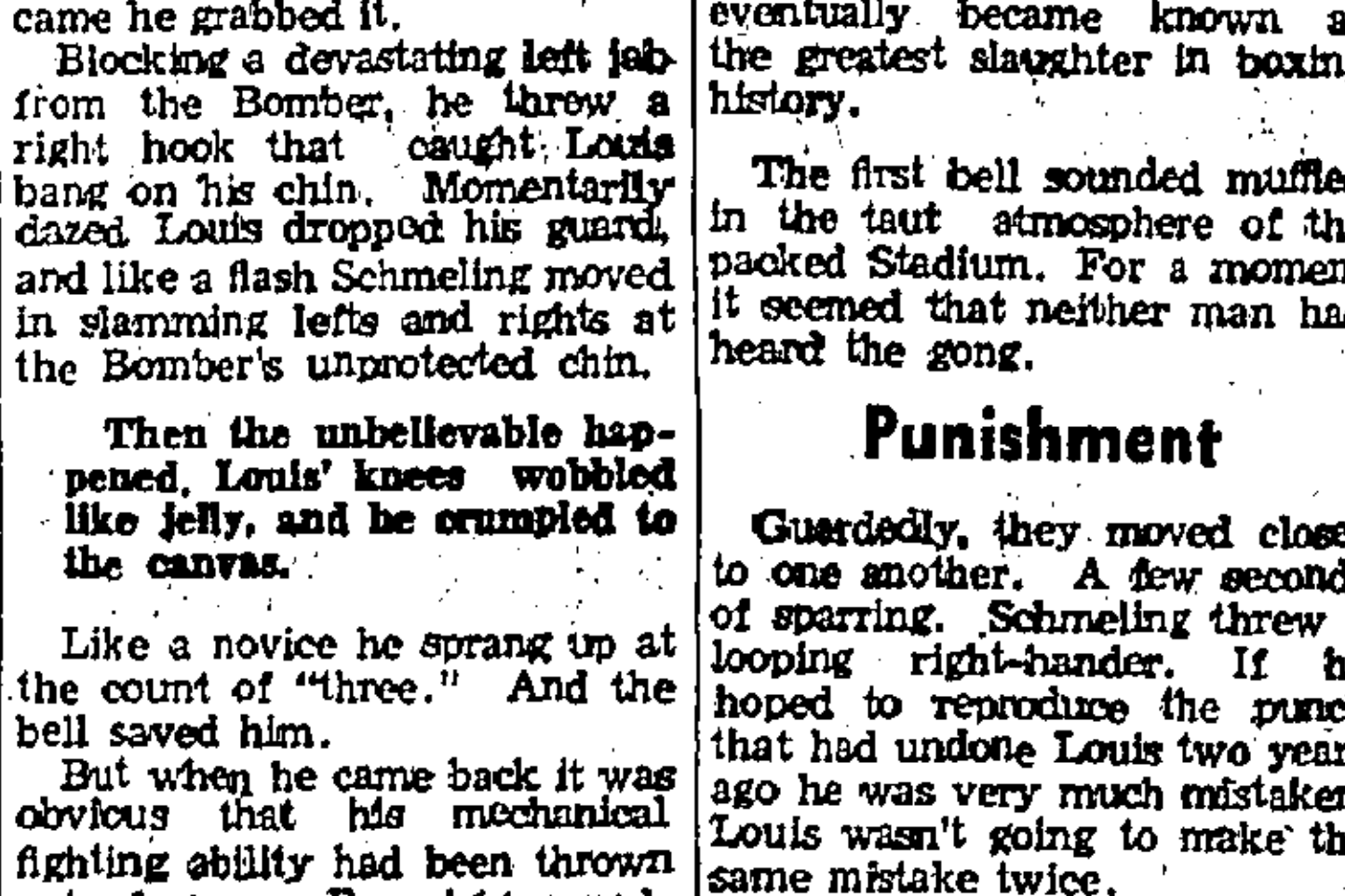
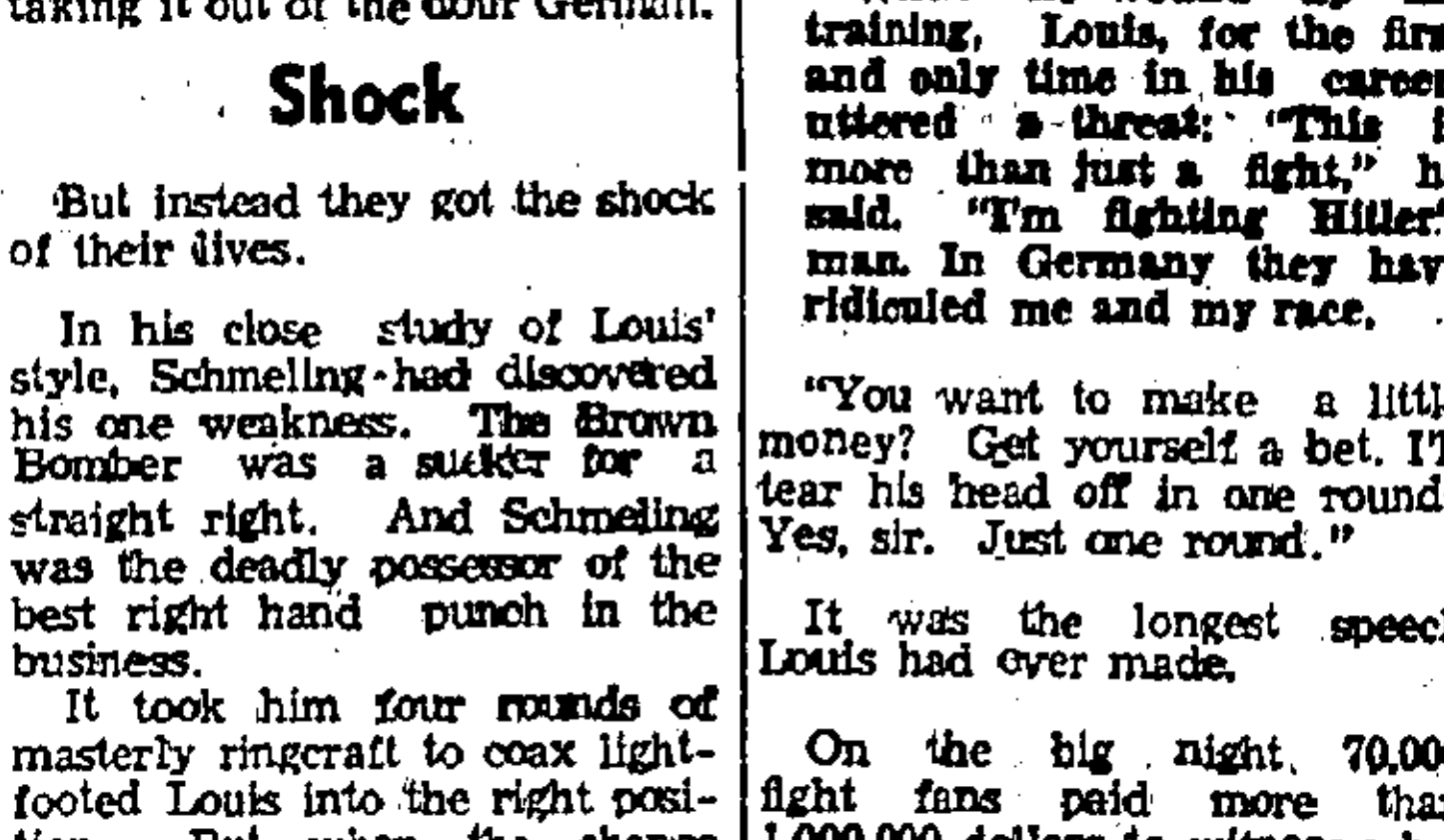
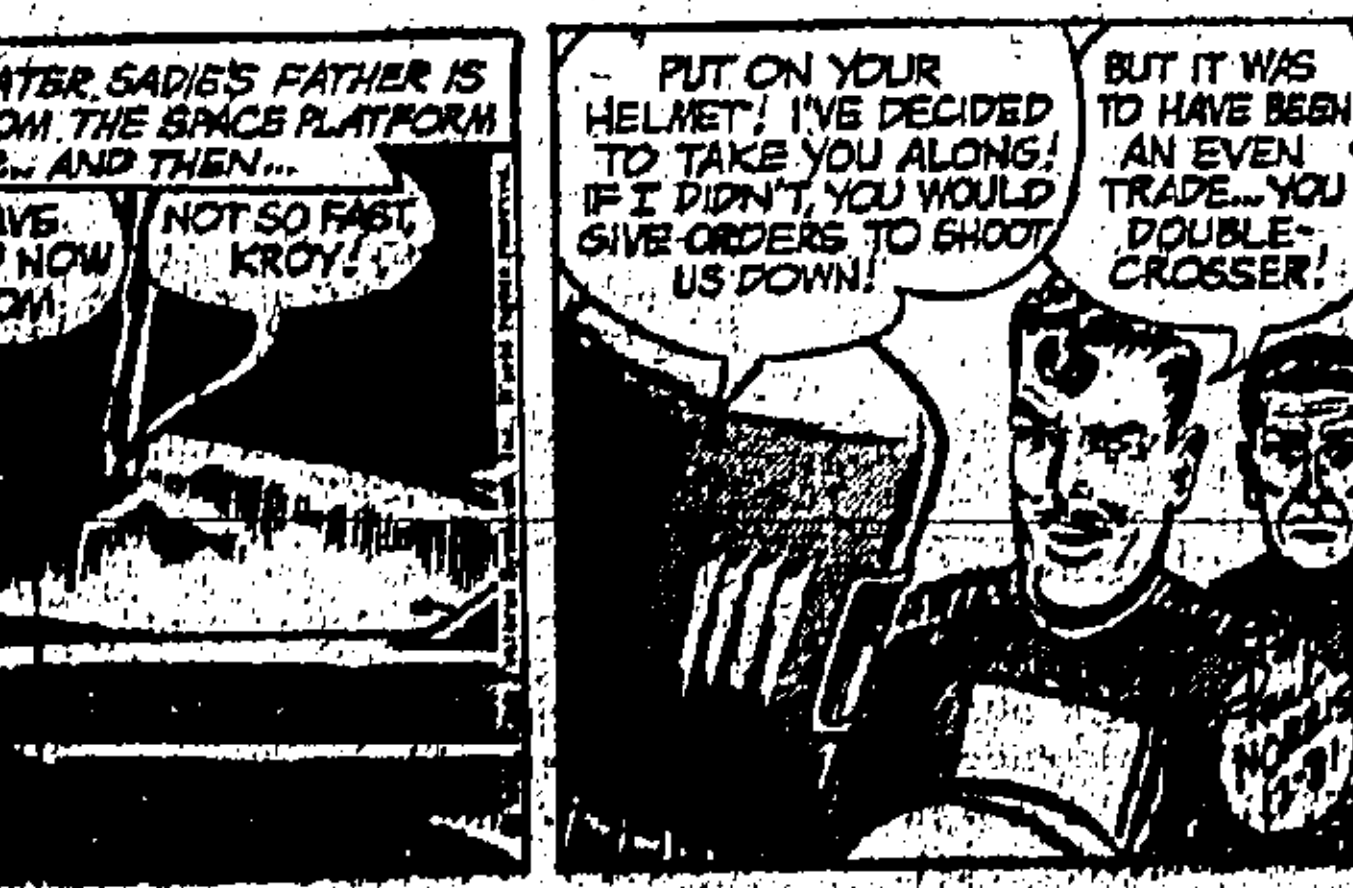
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American youth is warned

A 12-year-old American student was alleged at Central Juvenile Court this morning to have obtained \$10 from a Chinese woman by falsely pretending that he was collecting donations for a charitable organisation.

He pleaded guilty and was cautioned and discharged by Mr D. Benson, who remarked that "if you commit any offence of this nature again you will be seriously dealt with."

The boy committed the offence in a house in Peak Road on June 16.

His mother told Mr Benson this morning that she had never had any trouble with her son before.

Feather duster enough

A 32-year-old mother who beat her daughter aged 11, with a wooden clog and a feather duster because she returned home a few hours late, was placed under probation for one year by Mr P. F. X. Leonard at Kowloon Court this morning.

Mr Leonard told the mother, Woo Wal-tak, that she should not have used the clogs on the girl because it was too dangerous.

The feather duster was sufficient.

At a previous hearing Woo admitted beating the girl but added that her daughter had often played truant and was mixing with bad company.

She also said that she was upset by a recent illness.

ACCUSED OF WOUNDING

A 51-year-old sailor, Yim Hung-hing, of 208 Nathan Road, ground floor, accused of wounding a woman with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm, was further remanded for seven days by Mr E. S. Hayden at Kowloon Court this morning.

No plea was taken.

ALLEGED \$50,000 LETTER

Allegations that two brokers had conspired, by forgery or corrupt means, to obtain a letter from the District Officer, Tsun Wan, in connection with conversion of land in the New Territories were made in the Victoria District Court this morning when two brokers went on trial on a charge of conspiracy.

The accused are Abdul Aziz Rumjahn, 56, of 31 Lee Garden Road, third floor, and Ho Hui-po of Room 24, 18-19 Conduit Road, third floor.

They denied that they had conspired between September 24 and November 24 last year to obtain a letter from the District Officer, Tsun Wan, to the effect that certain farm lands in Tsun Wan could be converted to building lands.

Other charges

Ho was charged with two additional counts of obtaining a total of \$50,000 from Messrs T. O. Wong and Co. by a forged letter purporting to issue from Mr H. D. Miller, the District Officer, Tsun Wan. He also faced a charge of uttering the letter.

Rumjahn was additionally charged with corruptly offering money to Mr Miller in connection with the conversion of the land.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, told Judge W. F. Pickering that the conspiracy count was brought because the evidence in relation to it was

not the evidence on which two persons together could be properly charged with the more substantial count either of forgery or of corruption.

Mr Sneath said Ho had been employed by Messrs Eric Cumine, architects, and was at liberty, under the terms of employment, to be engaged in outside work in connection with land transactions.

In fact he was introduced by the firm to Messrs T. O. Wong and Co. and was also employed by T. O. Wong to secure conversion of certain agricultural land in Tsun Wan.

Pursuant to the contract, with T. O. Wong and Co., Ho caused a letter to be written and addressed to the District Officer, Tsun Wan, asking whether this conversion would take place, Mr Sneath said.

Rumjahn, Counsel said, was not known to T. O. Wong and Co. but delivered the letter on Ho's behalf on September 3. As early as in May, Rumjahn had enquired of the District Officer, about the possibility of conversion.

On September 23, the District Officer replied that Government

Two men charged with conspiracy, forgery

was awaiting a report on the land and, in any event, there would be a delay of about two years.

A few days later, the contract between Ho and T. O. Wong and Co. was put in writing, taking the form of two letters signed by Ho and by a director of the firm.

Under the terms of the contract, Ho was to receive \$100,000 for the service. The first instalment of \$50,000 was to be paid on or about October 15 on receipt of a letter purporting to be from the District Officer to the effect that conversion would take place.

Knew full well

Mr Sneath submitted that Ho knew full well of the two-year delay on September 24, on receipt of the letter from the District Officer dated the previous day.

On September 30, Mr Sneath went on, Rumjahn saw Mr Miller and showed him a photostat of the letter Mr Miller had written on September 23. Four sentences were underlined and Rumjahn asked Mr Miller to re-write the letter, using the

four sentences in the order of the numbers allocated to them. The effect of the re-writing would be to indicate that the land was then free from conversion. The request was accompanied by a corrupt suggestion and Mr Miller rejected the request.

This failure of the conspirators, Mr Sneath submitted, required them to find another way of producing a letter required in the contract with Messrs T. O. Wong.

On October 29, Ho produced a photostat of a forged letter to Messrs T. O. Wong and Co. The letter contained the four sentences as arranged in the order first suggested to Mr Miller. As a result, Ho was paid \$40,000 that day and \$10,000 the following day, Mr Sneath said.

On November 23, Rumjahn again went to see Mr Miller asking him to re-write the original letter. Again there was an offer of money, Mr Sneath said.

When Police searched Rumjahn's house on January 13, they

found a new typewriter of the type similar to the one used to type the forged letter. Also on the premises were a few sheets of letter paper with the letter head of the New Territories Administration.

When Police searched the office of Messrs Eric Cumine, they found the original letter in the desk which Ho had used. "I say, 'had been,' because at that time, Ho had already left the employment of Messrs Eric Cumine."

Together

Together with the original letter, was the forged one the photostat of which had been produced to T. O. Wong and Co., Mr Sneath said.

Hearing is continuing. Rumjahn is represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr D. Q. Cheung, of Messrs F. Zimmerman and Co.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Superintendent P. G. Jenkins.

Mr S. V. CHOW is holding a watching brief on behalf of Mayar Mills on the instructions of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

Mr Terence Shurlock, is holding a watching brief on behalf of other land owners in Tsun Wan. He is instructed by Mr P. G. Nigel, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

COMING AND GOING

CROWN LAW OFFICER LEAVES HK

Mr Arthur Hooton, Solicitor-General, sailed with his family in the Italian liner, Victoria, this morning on home leave.

On the same ship was Mr G. M. Sayer, head of the Security Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Accompanied by his wife and three children, Mr Sayer is on home leave prior to re-appointment.

Chartered Bank officer arrives from Indonesia

Mr C. Little, formerly sub-accountant of the Chartered Bank in Indonesia, arrived in the rms Corfu this morning to join the bank here.

He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

From the Files

25 years AGO

June, 1935

HONGKONG newspaper editorial: "Without being unduly cynical it is not unfair to say that Germany's pledge to renounce unrestricted submarine attack on merchantmen is a tacit admission that such warfare is not likely in future armed conflicts to have decisive results."

"If the larger cruising submarine disappears from the Navy lists of the world, we can take it that should another struggle be precipitated, merchant service vessels will not be subject to deliberate and ruthless attack though isolated cases may occur of officers exceeding orders."

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From the Morning Post's 25 Years Ago column (June 1910): "The Anglo-Japanese alliance will not be revived."

"These are the words of Mr Carlton Bellairs, RN, MP, and an increasing number of Britons agree with him. The principal objectors to the alliance are British commercial men in the Far East who rightly or wrongly blame it for the rapid loss of British trade."

"In agreement with a number of politicians and public men in England, they see the Anglo-Japanese alliance as a stumbling block to friendship with China which is so desirable, and a threat to British prestige in the East, and openly express their determination to start a crusade against its renewal. Mr. Bellairs has opened his campaign."

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MISS Butterfly Wu, the famous Chinese film actress, arrived in the Colony early this morning by the Conte Rosso having completed a long vacation in Europe.

The Chinese press were critical of the way her managers, would not allow their reporters to have a full interview.

Miss Wu went to Russia early this year for an exhibition of Chinese motion pictures and then travelled westward to Berlin, London, Paris and Rome.

Miss Wu is the first Movie Queen of China, her most popular film "Two Sisters" having been shown in Shanghai for 60 days, the longest showing that a Chinese film has ever had.

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THE COST OF IT ALL

Too big to come into the harbour is the massive 60,000-ton aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Ranger, pictured lying off Green Island this morning where she can swing freely without blocking the fairway for other ships. She dwarfs a freighter steaming past her. She is in the Colony on a recreational visit with a crew of more than 3,000.

Standing on her 1,000-foot-long flight deck are some of the 80 to 100 planes she is designed to carry.

This huge carrier is capable of launching and retrieving aircraft simultaneously.

She has angled decks which give her an ungainly appearance from the air.

The cost of this carrier built at Newport News Shipbuilding Company between August 1954 and August 1957, was \$182 million.

In Hongkong dollars this amounts to almost \$1,090 million. Hongkong's estimated expenditure in the 1959-61 financial year is only \$935.6 million. —China Mail photo.

All they want is money, Tribunal told

"All they want is money," said the managing director of a land investment company this morning, when it was suggested that his company offer alternative accommodation to the tenants of a building which is up for exemption before the Tenancy Tribunal.

Mr Li Ki Cheung, Managing Director of the Shung Yuen Land Investment Co., Ltd. told the President of the Tribunal, Mr B. V. Rhodes, that his company had had experience in offering alternative accommodation, and the tenants were only interested in getting compensation.

There are 82 tenants opposing the investment company's application.

In Tai Nan Street, Shamshui-po, Kowloon, the building comprises six houses—265, 267, 269, 271, 273 and 275.

The investment company plans to erect a nine-storey building on the site, next to a nine-storey building they have already re-developed.

It will cost \$540,000 and will take approximately 10 months to complete.

Mr A. Comber of Hastings and Co., is representing the applicants.

The opposing tenants are being represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, Mr Richard Winter and Mr John Swaine.

Mr Leong is instructed by Messrs P. C. Wong, Edmund Cheung and Co., Ford Kwan and Co., and D'Almada and Mason.

Mr Winter is instructed by Hon and Co., and Wong and Co.

Mr Swaine is instructed by C. Y. Kwan and Co.

The hearing will continue this afternoon.

Wives get a free trip to HK

"If you can't go, send your wife," was the invitation extended to Indian travel agents for the Swissair inaugural flight between Hongkong and Bombay by Mr Willy Salzborn, Swissair's District Manager in Bombay.

So six of the agents, deciding they had done enough travelling on inaugural flights, accepted and gave their wives return tickets to Hongkong. The six wives arrived here on the new flight yesterday with their husbands off on a trip.

six travel agents including three who decided to take advantage of the flight by buying a ticket for themselves and giving their wives the "junket."

Mr Salzborn, who arrived with the group yesterday, said: "I made the offer after considering that travel agents get sick and tired of continual offers of inaugural flights, and that their wives are sick and tired of sitting at home while their husbands are off on a trip."

The idea was received enthusiastically by the wives, and some of the husbands decided to buy their own tickets and come along on this trip.

"I got the idea from some of the agents' wives I had talked to, and the novelty seems to have caught their imagination."

Mr Salzborn will be returning to Bombay on Tuesday with three members of the group. The others will remain here for a few more days.

Kowloon to have new fire engine

A new turntable ladder fire appliance bought in London by the Crown Agents for the local Fire Brigade will arrive on July 5 and be stationed in Kowloon.

The appliance, 31 feet long, eight feet wide and 11 feet high, is fitted with a 100-foot fully hydraulic turntable ladder, 600 gallons-a-minute pumps, 120-foot fire hose, two searchlights and accommodation for a crew of six.

It was loaded on board the Ben Line cargo-passenger liner Benwickie (11,840 tons) before she left London on May 29.

There have been several turntable ladder appliances in use in Hongkong.

An officer of the Fire Brigade said that this kind of appliance is required in fire-fighting because the ladders can be mechanically propelled up to 100 feet in a rush.

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